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INCOME TAX AND DEATH DUTIES RECOMMENDED.

CONSTRUCTIVE PROPOSALS.

Financial and economic readjustment on an ambitious scale, which, carried out to the full, will bring China into line with the western Powers in the organisation of its national finances, is embodied in a number of resolutions passed by the Finance Conference, which closed at Nanking on Tuesday.

Tariff autonomy is the first step, and bound up with this is the complete abolition of likin throughout the country between September and December.

The Salt Taxes are to be unified, and all Land Taxes are to be regarded as Provincial revenue.

Far more striking, however, are the proposals for new taxes to replace the revenue lost by the abolition of likin. New national taxes are to be imposed on imports; an Income Tax is to be introduced into China for the first time; to apply on a graduated scale similar to the British Income Tax; and there is to be an Inheritance Tax, which presumably will be equivalent to Death Duties.

Foreign secured loans are to be paid, and an impartial Commission is to be set up to investigate the unsecured loans.

Constructive resolutions unanimously passed, call for the establishment of a National Bank to act as the Government's Treasury and to have the sole right of issuing bank-notes; railways and waterways are to be improved, and postal and telegraph systems expanded.

The economic policy of the new Government will be one of Protection if the recommendations are accepted, every encouragement being given to the manufacture of native goods.

FINANCE CONFERENCE RESOLUTIONS.

Nanking, July 11. The Nationalist Financial Conference held its last session yesterday afternoon.

The most dramatic feature was furnished by the rejection of the Kwangtung Provincial Finance Commissioner's proposal that as Kwangtung has incurred large debts since the formation of the Republic she should be allowed the space of at least a year to work out her own tax schemes, independent of the Finance Ministry.

Secondly, she should be allowed to retain the cigarette tax of fifty per cent *ad valorem* in preference to the arrangement made by the Ministry with the foreign merchants providing for a twenty-two and a half per cent consolidated tax.

Thirdly, that the Salt Inspectorate should not be restored in Kwangtung.

Fourthly, that during the year the gambling tax and opium tax which amount to over \$2,000,000 a month should not be abolished by the Central Government but allowed to be handled gradually by the provincial authorities.

Sound Statement.

The delegates at the Conference were almost unanimously against the main proposal, claiming that nearly all the provinces had incurred indebtedness similar to Kwangtung's. Mr. T. V. Soong made a statement that the general principle of unification must be applied to all alike, but that the Finance Ministry would sympathetically view any special problems brought up by the provinces.

The statement met with general approval.

Taxation System.

The means of applying an improved system of taxation throughout China has been the chief concern of the Conference and, under this head, it was decided that before carrying into effect the declaration of tariff autonomy, foreign imports of similar variety to native products upon which an internal levy was collected, shall also be liable to a special consumption tax.

It was also decided that after the carrying into effect of the tariff autonomy declaration, all imports shall be liable to only one tax and that no further levies will be collected by either national or provincial authorities.

Salt

As regards the Salt Administration it was decided that the Salt Tax throughout the country shall be unified, and effective control of

the salt-fields shall be secured as a preliminary to the requisite improvements in the Administration.

It was also agreed by the Conference that all Land Taxes shall be considered Provincial revenue, to be administered by the Provincial authorities.

Likin to go Before December.

Lengthy discussions have taken place on the question of the abolition of likin, and it is announced that the Conference decided that the Ministry of Finance shall appoint a committee for the abolition.

It will be the business of this special committee to make arrangements by which the complete abolition of likin can be effected between September and December this year, while it is proposed that this great reform shall be carried out in Kiangsu, which includes Shanghai, and Chekiang before the end of September.

New National Taxes.

With reference to the new taxes which will be necessary to make up for the loss of revenue from likin, special consumption taxes (national taxes) shall be imposed on certain articles, exempting such necessities as rice, wheat and native-made cloth, etcetera.

Income Tax

Secondly, it is proposed that a new tax in the form of an Income Tax will be announced. This will take the form of a tax on a graduated scale, with heavier incidence on higher incomes, and shall be promulgated in accordance with the latest foreign practice.

Death Duties.

Thirdly, there will be an Inheritance Tax, which will be applied similarly to the British Death Duties, and which will be levied for the purpose of social justice.

With a view to the improvement of China's national credit, all foreign secured loans shall be paid as heretofore, while an impartial Commission shall be appointed as soon as possible to investigate the unsecured loans.

The Conference unequivocally endorsed the recommendation of the Shanghai Economic Conference limiting the army to 500,000 and the current military expenditure to \$192,000,000 annually.

Economic Policy.

The Finance Conference has also closely considered the question of the economic policy of the

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ELROD SHOOTING SENSATION.

AMERICAN ON TRIAL IN SHANGHAI.

FRENCHWOMAN'S PAST

Shanghai, July 12.

The trial of Mr. C. C. Elrod, an American resident, who was arrested recently on a charge of the attempted murder of his wife at their home in the French Concession, opened to-day, preliminary evidence being taken.

Accused is alleged to have fired a revolver at his wife during a quarrel. Mrs. Elrod was taken to hospital with a wound in the shoulder, which is not now considered serious.

Madame Roux, a Frenchwoman, testified that she was an eye-witness to the affair, declaring she saw Elrod shoot his wife after a quarrel.

The witness caused a flutter in the court-room by refusing to answer questions relative to her private life.

She declared that she was formerly employed by the Messageries Maritimes Company, and broke her contract, after which she studied law. By her studies, she declared, she knew she was not obliged to answer irrelevant questions.

Mr. V. L. Bourne, the Assistant Revenue Commissioner, also gave evidence, stating that Elrod did not drink but that latterly he had been a victim of nervousness and appeared to be suffering from a mental derangement. The Council, he stated, had been considering invalidating the accused from their service.

The case was adjourned until August.—Our Own Correspondent.

TOTALISATOR BILL DECISION.

IS NOW ACCEPTED BY THE GOVERNMENT.

CHURCHILL TRIUMPH.

London, July 12.

The Cabinet has decided to adopt the Racecourse Betting Bill, which will now figure as a Government measure and be passed this session.

The hesitation to adopt the Bill hitherto is ascribed to the fact that some of the Cabinet members and other Conservative supporters of the Government are hostile thereto.

The decision to make the Bill a Government measure is regarded as a personal triumph for Mr. Winston Churchill.—*Reuter*.

The Bill reached the report stage in the House of Commons on July 6th, when the Labour members decided to oppose it in its remaining stages. Objection was taken to the alterations that had been made to the Bill, making the State directly responsible for the machinery established.

A Labour opposition motion was rejected, but it was then felt that the Bill could be regarded as dead, as it was doubtful whether the Government would grant further facilities for its discussion.

THE ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY.

CONVOCATION REGRETS HIS PENDING RETIREMENT.

London, July 11.

The Upper House of Convocation to-day placed on record the deep sense of the loss it would suffer in the approaching retirement of the Archbishop of Canterbury, who is eighty years of age and has presided over the Convocation for twenty-five years.—*British Wireless*.

BALDWIN'S LIMITED.

DEBENTURE HOLDERS ACCEPT COMPROMISE.

London, July 11.

The adjourned meeting of shareholders of Messrs Baldwin's Limited, was resumed to-day when the seven and half per cent Debenture holders unanimously agreed to the compromise suggested in the reduction of capital.—*Reuter*.

AMATEUR FLYING IN COLONY.

LIGHT SEAPLANE CLUB SUGGESTED.

EXPERT THINKS HONGKONG IS IDEAL SPOT.

MEETING PROPOSED.

There is a prospect of the formation of a Light Seaplane Club for Hongkong, if sufficient interest can be aroused in the project.

Mr. R. Vaughan-Fowler, who is an aviation expert and who has been prominently associated with the movement for the establishment of commercial flying services in the Colony, is of the opinion that Hongkong would be an ideal spot for such a Club. He is willing to organise a meeting to discuss the project, and those interested are requested to communicate with him care of the Kai Tak Aerodrome.

Until some idea of the degree of the support is gained, it will not be

"CURLEW" TRAGEDY.

Chief Petty Officer Falls Overboard.

AFTER LEAVING COLONY.

H.M.S. Curlew has sent out a wireless message, which was received in Hongkong to-day, stating that one of the Chief Petty Officers has disappeared.

The Curlew, which is attached to the 3rd Cruiser Squadron, sailed for Home on Monday preparatory to rejoining the Mediterranean Squadron after service in China.

Chief Petty Officer Frederick Evans was missed from the cruiser shortly after she left Hongkong, and it is presumed that he fell overboard and met his death by drowning. The disappearance apparently occurred between two o'clock and six o'clock on Tuesday morning, less than twenty-four hours after the cruiser left here.

C. P. O. Evans's number was O.N.238216 and it is understood that he was a single man.

possible to give costs of flying for members of the suggested Club, but it is not considered that they will be prohibitive.

Writing to the *Telegraph* on the subject, Mr. Vaughan-Fowler says:

Popular Idea.

"It is not necessary for me to draw either your or the public's attention to the great popularity attained by 'Light Aeroplane and Seaplane Clubs' in the British Isles, the Colonies, and in foreign countries.

"The members of these Clubs now number many thousands, and it is more than satisfactory to be able to state that there have been only one or two minor accidents, during the two or three years in which 'Club flying' has been in progress.

Hongkong Ideal.

"Owing to the nature of the country surrounding Hongkong, a 'Light Seaplane Club' would be most suitable, and the writer can definitely state that from a flying point of view Kowloon Bay and the point of view of Hongkong Island and the New Territories are ideal from a pleasure flying point of view, and for learning to fly.

"The actual expense per flying hour for members learning, or flying solo, on the Club machines, would not be very great. It is not possible to give actual figures until some knowledge has been obtained as to the support that such a Club would receive.

However, when considering the financial side it may be as well to remind those interested that there are many such Clubs in existence without any official assistance whatsoever, and that the majority

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VARSITY CRICKET DRAWN.

OXFORD VERY NEAR DEFEAT IN EXCITING END.

ONE WICKET TO FALL.

London, July 11.

One of the most exciting finishes since the war was seen in the annual cricket match between Oxford and Cambridge at Lord's, Cambridge having taken nine wickets in Oxford's second innings when stumps were drawn, while Oxford were still 107 runs in arrears.

Cambridge were well on top at the close, though Reuter's cable does not detail the measure of Oxford's resistance after the Light Blues had declared in their second innings.

W. V. Robins stood out prominently in Cambridge's second innings, scoring 101 (not out), the Cambridge skipper having withheld the declaration until he had reached his century. Whether this was a bad policy it is impossible without further information to say.

The scores were:

Cambridge: 232 and 329 for 7 wickets (decl.).

Oxford: 287 and 227 for 9 wickets.

It will be seen that on the first innings there was nothing between the sides, but Cambridge punished the Oxford bowling in their second innings, and set Oxford to make 335 in the fourth innings to win. The Dark Blues forced a draw, but were perilously near defeat.—*Reuter*.

H.M.S. DAUNTLESS REFLOATED.

SALVAGE EFFORTS MEET WITH SUCCESS.

AMERICAN NAVAL AID.

London, July 11.

A message from Halifax, Nova Scotia, states that H.M.S. Dauntless, which on the 2nd instant went aground on the Tribune Shoals, inside the entrance to the harbour during fog, has been refloated.

A later message from Halifax states that the Dauntless was got off at high tide, with the assistance of United States naval pontoons, and has been towed to a local dry dock.—*Reuter*.

It will be recalled that when the Dauntless went aground, Captain K. D. W. Macpherson, who was in command of the ship, gave the order to abandon the ship four hours after striking the shoal, and he also ordered all vessels around the cruiser to keep clear as there was a danger of the cruiser breaking in twain.

The men, with their effects, were removed in lifeboats and placed aboard the Canadian cruisers, Festubert and Ypres. There were no casualties.

H.M.S. Dauntless was formerly in Hongkong with the first Cruiser Squadron, the flagship of which was H.M.S. Frobbisher.

WIRELESS AND CABLE REPORT.

WAITING FOR DOMINIONS' REPLY.

London, July 11.

The Prime Minister, in the House of Commons to-day, said the report of the Imperial Wireless and Cables Conference had now to be examined by the Governments of the several parts of the empire concerned, but he hoped it would be possible to publish the report and arrange for it to be debated in Parliament before the end of the session.

He added that he had to-day sent a very urgent cable to every Dominion asking them to expedite their reply.—*British Wireless*.

BRITISH TRADE FIGURES.

London, July 11.

The Board of Trade returns for June show that imports totalled \$39,369,000, and exports \$59,472,000.—*Reuter*.

LOST ITALIA PARTY FOUND.

SOVIET AVIATOR'S HAPPY DISCOVERY.

MEN WHO HAD BEEN GIVEN UP AS PERISHED.

HOPES OF EARLY RESCUE.

The sensational news that three members of the "Italia" crew given up for lost, have been discovered by a Russian aviator or an ice-floe about 20 miles from the ice-breaker "Krasin" comes to hand to-day.

The party comprises Major Mariano, Major Zappi, and Professor Malmgren, who set out from the floe on which the gondola was reached, in an attempt to walk to North Cape, Spitzbergen.

They began their terrible risky journey, trudging through the ice, without snowshoes or weapons, and with provisions for about forty days. Missing for 41 days, only two days ago it was given out officially that no further hopes for their safety were entertained.

Captain Tchuknovsky sighted them during a reconnaissance flight, and the "Krasin" proceeded at once to the spot indicated. Conditions are favourable and it is hoped that they will be rescued to-day. When sighted, one of the party was lying on the ground, but the other two vigorously waved a flag to their saviour.

On the other hand, there has been an ominous silence from Lieut. Vigliani's party, whose terrible plight was related yesterday, and a Berlin correspondent fears that the absence of wireless messages for five days means that they are either dead or dying. Efforts to rescue them are being re-doubled.



LOCATED 20 MILES FROM "KRASSIN."

London, July 11. The extremely heartening news of the discovery of Major Adalberto Mariano, Major Filippo Zappi, and Professor Malmgren, comes from Reuter's correspondent at Moscow, who states that wireless messages have been received from the ice-breaker "Krasin" that the aviator attached to the ice-breaker, sighted them during a reconnaissance flight yesterday.

Capt. Tchuknovsky places their position as Lat. 80.42 North, Long. 26.45 East, a position very close to the point reached by the Parry walking party's need in more urgent.

One Laying Down.

The airman states that the party was stationary, that he circled round them five times going as low as possible. Two of the party vigorously waved a flag, while the third was lying on the ground.

Captain Tchuknovsky is now making further flights in the hope of finding a place where he can safely land near to the party.

Attempt to Reach Land.

It may be recalled that they set out on May 30th with General Noble and two others in an attempt to walk to North Cape, Spitzbergen, but that General Noble and his two companions decided to abandon the effort in view of the terrible risks, while Mariano, Zappi and Malmgren, although they had food for forty days only, and were not equipped with weapons or snowshoes, decided to trudge on.

They left the ice-floe on which the gondola of the "Italia" was wrecked and where Lieut. Vigliani's party is still marooned, and they hoped either to reach land, or the steamer, Braganza which was known to be in the vicinity.

Missing 41 Days.

Not a word had been heard of them from that day to this, a matter of forty-one days and they had been given up for dead, Captain Lungborg expressing the opinion that although with care their provisions could be made to last another week, they must have perished in the terrible weather recently experienced and which they were scarcely equipped.

The Russian ice-breaker "Krasin" which had succeeded in forcing its way to within 25 miles of Vigliani's party, is now making way for the walking party, crushing its way through the thick ice, a wire-

Splendid Prospects.

Tchuknovsky sent a wireless message to the "Krasin" concerning his wonderful discovery and the going as low as possible. Two of the party vigorously waved a flag, while the third was lying on the ground.

Everything appears to be favourable and the "Krasin" is expected to reach the Mariano party on the 12th (to-day).—*Reuter*.

Will Certainly Be Saved.

Oalo, July 11. Captain Tchuknovsky's report that he has sighted the party in the vicinity of the expedition, is included, has been most joyfully received.

Tchuknovsky is well-known and popular in Norway as he participated in Captain Roald Amundsen's Arctic Expedition in the "Maud" and also in the Transpolar flight in the "Norge".

Captain Otto Sverdrup, who commanded Nansen's ship, the "Fram" which carried out many successful Arctic explorations, in an interview said that if the walking party had really been sighted such a short distance from the ice-breaker "Krasin" they could certainly be saved if the "Krasin" had plenty of coal.

Swedish Plane to Stay.

The Ministry of Defence has telegraphed to the Swedish Expedition that in view of the report that Professor Malmgren's party has been sighted, the Swedish plane "Upland", which was yesterday ordered to return to Sweden should remain at Spitzbergen.

Ominous Silence.

Reuter, July 11. The ominous silence from the Vigliani party, wireless messages having entirely ceased since July 6th, is interpreted as meaning that

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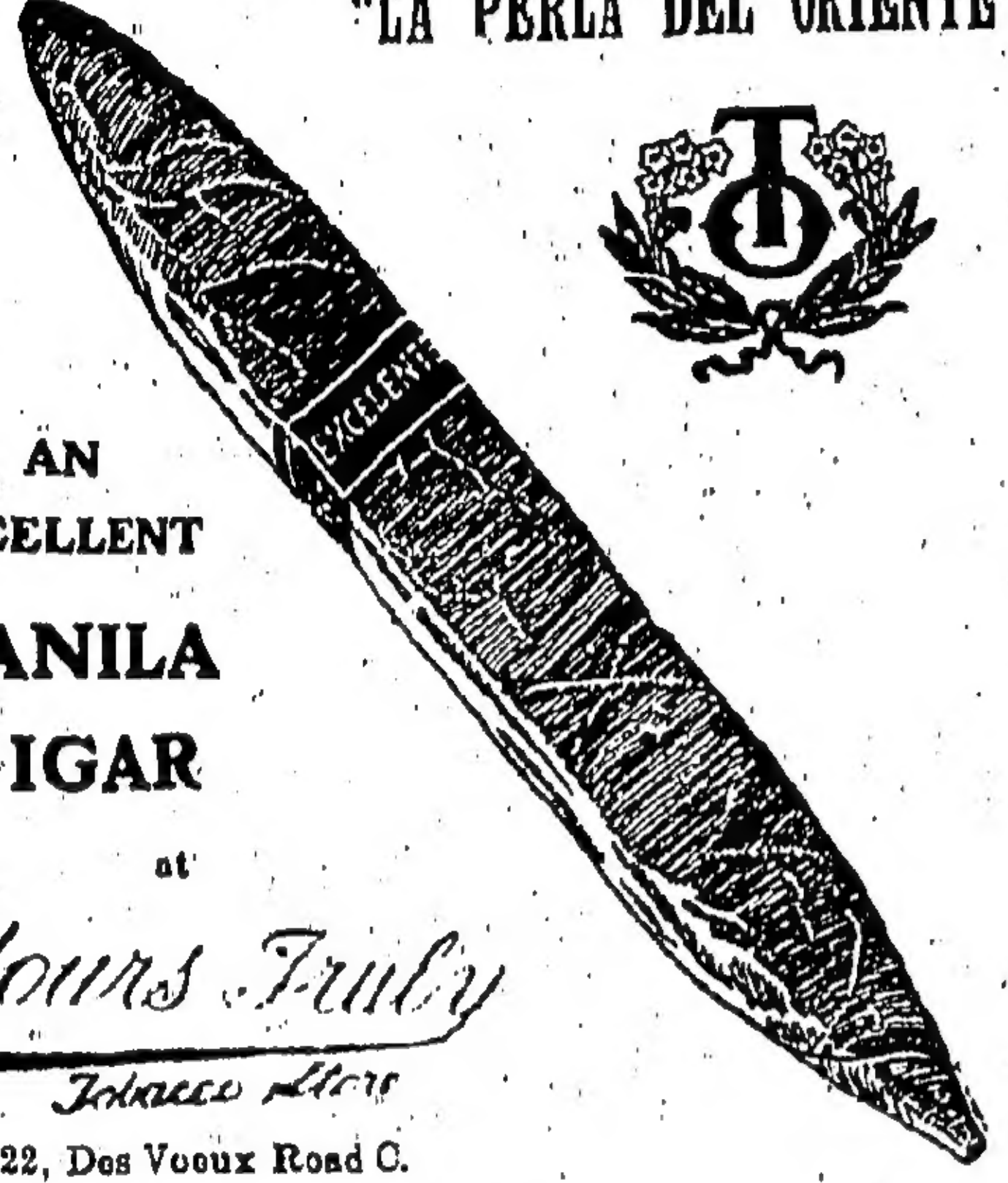
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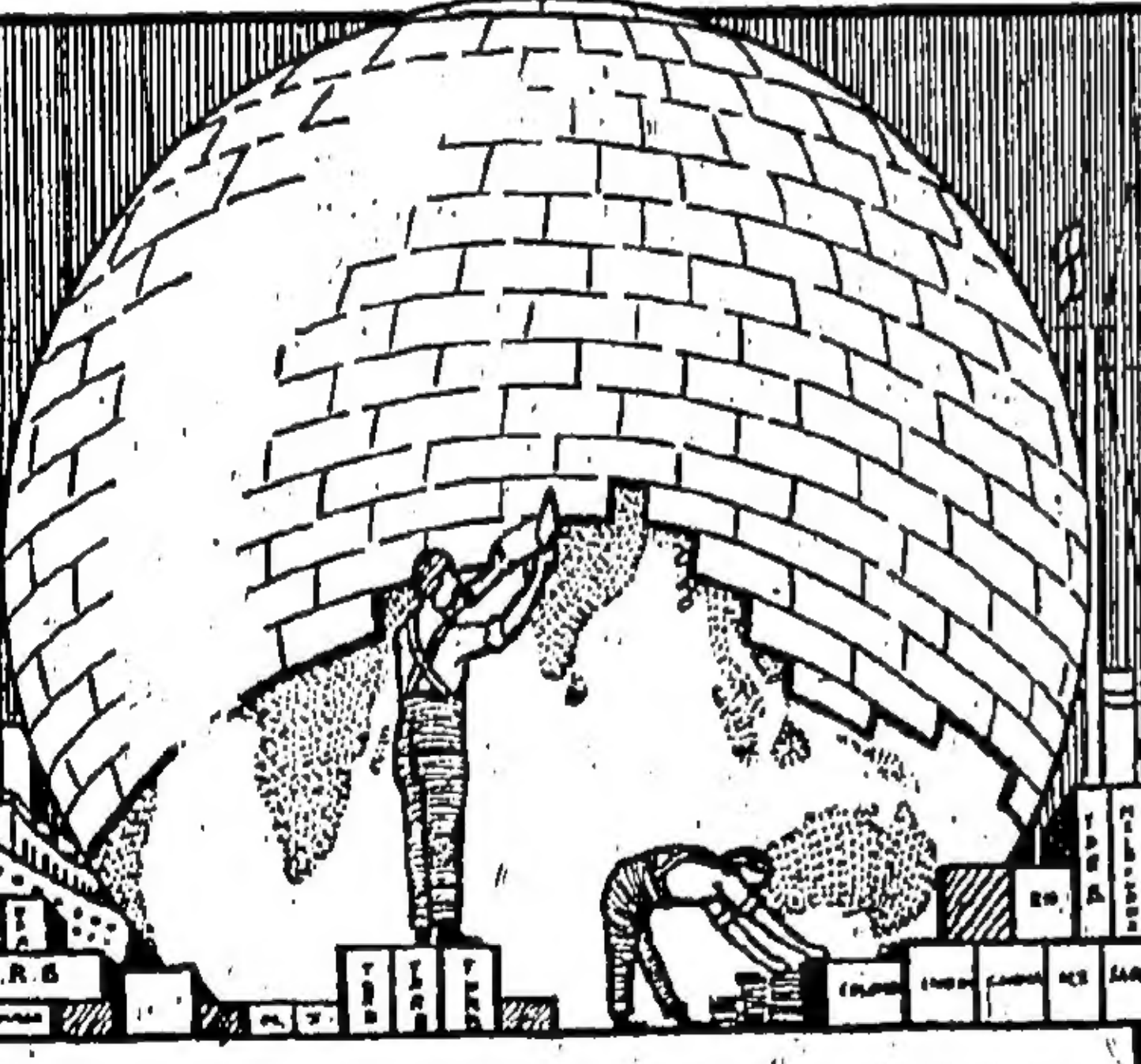
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MORE MALARIA.
REVEALED IN REPORT OF THE M.O.H.

The annual report of the Medical Officer of Health for last year gives some interesting vital statistics.

In dealing with birth statistics in Hongkong it is essential to remember that registration of births is largely evaded by the Chinese especially in regard to female children. The births registered during the year 1927 numbered 7,500.

The birth rate for the non-Chinese civil population was 19.6 as compared with 19.21 in 1926.

The birth rate for the Chinese population as calculated from the registered births was 8.2 per 1,000 as compared with 4.13 per 1,000 in 1926. This is the highest Chinese birth rate ever recorded.

For the non-Chinese community the ratio of male to female children for the 1927 was 101 males to 100 females. The nationality of the non-Chinese parents was as follows: British 142, Portuguese 66, Indian 60, American 13, Filipino 8, Malay 7, Eurasian, German, Japanese, Spanish and Annamite 3 each. Dutch and Panamanian 2 each, French, Canadian, Parsee, Danish, Siamese, Japanese and Chinese 1 each.

The Death Rate.

The total number of deaths registered in the Colony during the year 1927 was 14,761 (12,516 in 1926). The general civil death rate was 16.5 per 1,000 (15.9 in 1926). The deaths numbered 14,525 (12,336 in 1926). The Chinese death rate was 16.5 per 1,000. The non-Chinese deaths numbered 236 including 18 from the Navy and Army.

Respiratory Diseases.

Excluding tuberculosis in its various forms the number of deaths from respiratory diseases during 1927 was 4,239 (3,566 in 1926) of which 34 were non-Chinese (27 in 1926) and 4,205 Chinese (3,539 in 1926).

Deaths of children under one year of age accounted for 1,614 of these (1,321 in 1926).

The deaths ascribed to lobar pneumonia and pneumonia (type not specified) were 426 (398 in 1926) and 340 (182 in 1926) respectively or a total of 768.

Of these 263 (170 in 1926) were deaths of children under one year of age.

Broncho-pneumonia accounted for 1,739 deaths (1,693 in 1926) of which 19 were non-Chinese (9 in 1926). Of these 721 were deaths of infants under one year of age (1,115 in 1926). Of these infants 5 were non-Chinese (2 in 1926).

Including tubercular infections the total deaths among the Chinese from Respiratory Diseases was 5,769 (5,105 in 1926) giving a percentage of the total Chinese deaths of 39.7 (41.3 in 1926).

The rate of mortality from Respiratory Diseases for the Chinese population (excluding the New Territories except New Kowloon) for the year 1927 was 6.6 per thousand (6.49 in 1926).

Tuberculosis.

Tubercular infections of the respiratory system caused 1,595 deaths in the year 1927 (1,517 in 1926). Of these 31 were non-Chinese (28 in 1926).

Other tubercular infections caused 528 deaths (395 in 1926) 10 of which were non-Chinese (8 in 1926).

The total deaths from tubercular infections was therefore 2,123 (1,912 in 1926).

The percentage of deaths from tubercular infections of the total deaths registered was 14.38 (15.27 in 1926).

Malaria on Increase.

During 1927 the total deaths from malaria were 635 (587 in

ROUND THE WORLD.

COSTES MAY ATTEMPT A 15 DAYS CIRCUIT.

Paris, July 11.
The aeroplane in which Costes will attempt to fly from Paris to New York is expected to arrive at Le Bourget aerodrome to-day or tomorrow.

According to *Le Matin*, Costes proposes, if he succeeds in flying across the Atlantic, to attempt a world flight in fifteen days via San Francisco and Japan.—*Reuter*.

Another Similar Flight.

Tokyo, July 11.
Messrs. Mears and Collyer hopped off at Mukden at ten minutes past four and landed at the Tachikawa aerodrome on the outskirts of Tokyo at 7.45. They are leaving for Canada tomorrow on the Empress of Russia.—*Reuter*.

[Mr. John Mears and Captain Collyer, who are making an attempt to beat the world's record for a round-the-world trip by sea and air, landed at Cherbourg from the liner Aquitania with their own monoplane and flew to Paris. They then continued to Berlin, intending to cross Siberia and fly to Tokyo. On June 29, they took off in a monoplane from the Battery, New York, to overtake the liner Olympic, thus hoping to save five hours on their journey.]

1926). Of these 3 were non-Chinese (4 in 1926).

This number of deaths is a percentage of 4.9 of the total registered deaths.

The Chinese deaths from malaria in the City of Victoria (excluding the Peak and Harbour) numbered 260 (172 in 1926) in an estimated population of 500,000, giving a death rate of 0.52 per thousand (0.38 in 1926).

The following table shows for fourteen successive years, the deaths in the Colony from malaria, expressed as a percentage of the total deaths registered each year and the incidence of such deaths per thousand of the population.

Year	Total deaths from	Deaths from malaria per cent. of total
1914	241	2.51
1915	328	4.14
1916	337	3.19
1917	411	3.93
1918	388	2.93
1919	314	2.60
1920	332	2.67
1921	332	3.79
1922	454	3.11
1923	674	4.33
1924	707	4.54
1925	702	4.08
1926	587	4.09
1927	635	4.90

This table suggests that malaria fever has increased its incidence during recent years.

Beri-beri.

The deaths from this disease during 1927 were 744 (1,192 in 1926) being a percentage of 5.01 of the total deaths registered (9.5 in 1926). This is a very considerable drop from the high mortality from this disease registered in 1926.

The report also reveals that no case of plague has been reported since September 27, 1923. No local case of cholera has been reported since 1922 although there were three imported cases last year. There was a minor epidemic of smallpox during the early part of last year, the disease gradually disappearing with the arrival of warmer weather. There were 149 cases notified, 131 being local and 18 imported. The non-Chinese cases numbered six of which four were imported. Prevalence since 1918 is as follows:—32, 27, 34, 191, 212, 1, 320, 913, 66, 49, 149. It will be seen that there was a big increase last year on the two previous years.

Cases of typhoid and paratyphoid fever totalled 307 being considerably higher than any year since 1918, the last year of which figures are given.

BAD FOOD RING.

DUMPING IN COLONY IS INCREASING.

The suggestion that the smuggling of unwholesome food into the Colony is on the increase is made in the annual report of the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon who, in his annual report states:

The usual routine inspection of meat in markets, abattoirs, etc., has been carried on as thoroughly as possible, and the standard of quality in these places is good.

In all probability, ever since the institution of food inspection in the Colony a small amount of unwholesome food has been smuggled into Hongkong and Kowloon and sold to lower class restaurants and cooked food shops. Hitherto the amount of this kind of business has been small and not in any way organised.

Of late, it would appear that the business has not only increased greatly, but, that one portion at least of it, is highly organised.

Taking the mortality from all causes during the voyage to the Colony as 1%—a decidedly low figure—this means that during the past year the following numbers of dead or dying animals have reached the vicinity of the Colony but no parts of the carcasses of the majority of them have reached the Government depots, abattoirs or controlled establishments.

Cattle	597 carcasses
Pigs	3,344 "
Sheep and Goats	249 "
	4,190 carcasses

A Public Danger.

In addition the number of animals arriving in a sick or injured state is probably at least 50% higher than that of the dead and dying.

This means a grand total of 10,476 carcasses. Of these only 972 have been accounted for.

The evidence available also indicates that the part of the business dealing with dead pigs is not only highly organised but wealthy.

Recent events have shown that a considerable part of the business is either carried on in the New Territories, where there is no regular veterinary staff, or else that the products of the trade reach Hongkong and Kowloon by way of the New Territories.

It is hoped that the measures being taken, or about to be taken, will be successful in either totally abolishing the trade, or at least reducing it to such an extent that it will no longer constitute a public danger.

Animal Inspection.

The following numbers of livestock were in the districts under the supervision of Sanitary Inspectors at the end of the year:—165 ponies, 3 asses, 1,497 cows, 166 sheep and goats. New Territories:—100 ponies, 2 asses, 500 cows. The figures do not include animals kept by the Military Authority or animals for slaughter in Government depots, etc.

During the year 312 dogs were placed under observation on account of being suspected of being rabid. Four monkeys and two bears were also placed under observation, and returned to their owners.

The animals were disposed of as follows:
Returned to owner .. 151 dogs
Died .. 12 "
Destroyed .. 76 "
Sent to Dog's Home .. 62 "

The Rabies Position.

Of the 34 dogs' brains examined by the Government Bacteriologist, five gave positive results.

On the island it would appear as if the last outbreak was now over as no positive case has been detected since December, 1926.

The five cases above have occurred in Kowloon and the New Territories. The comparatively

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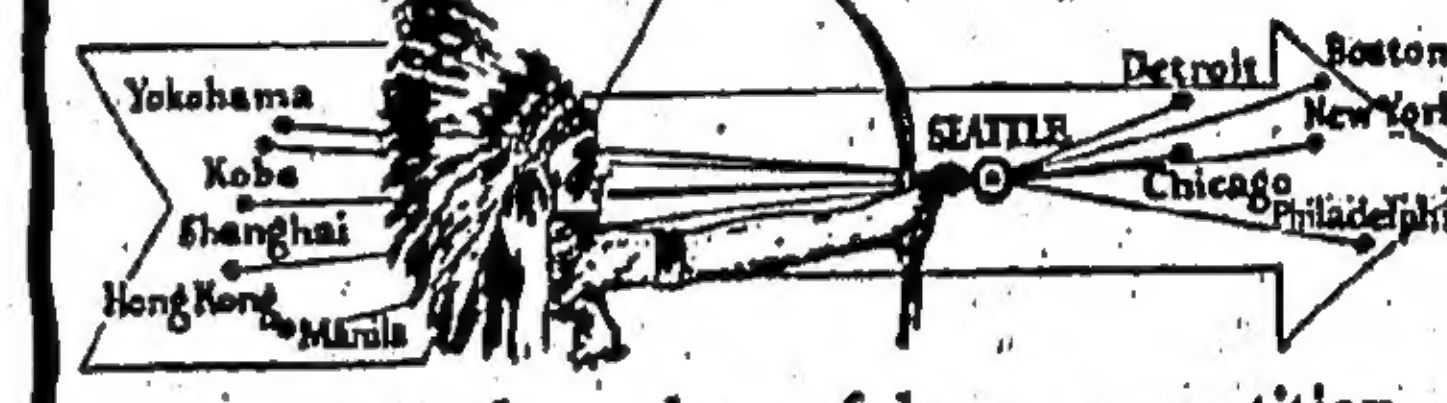
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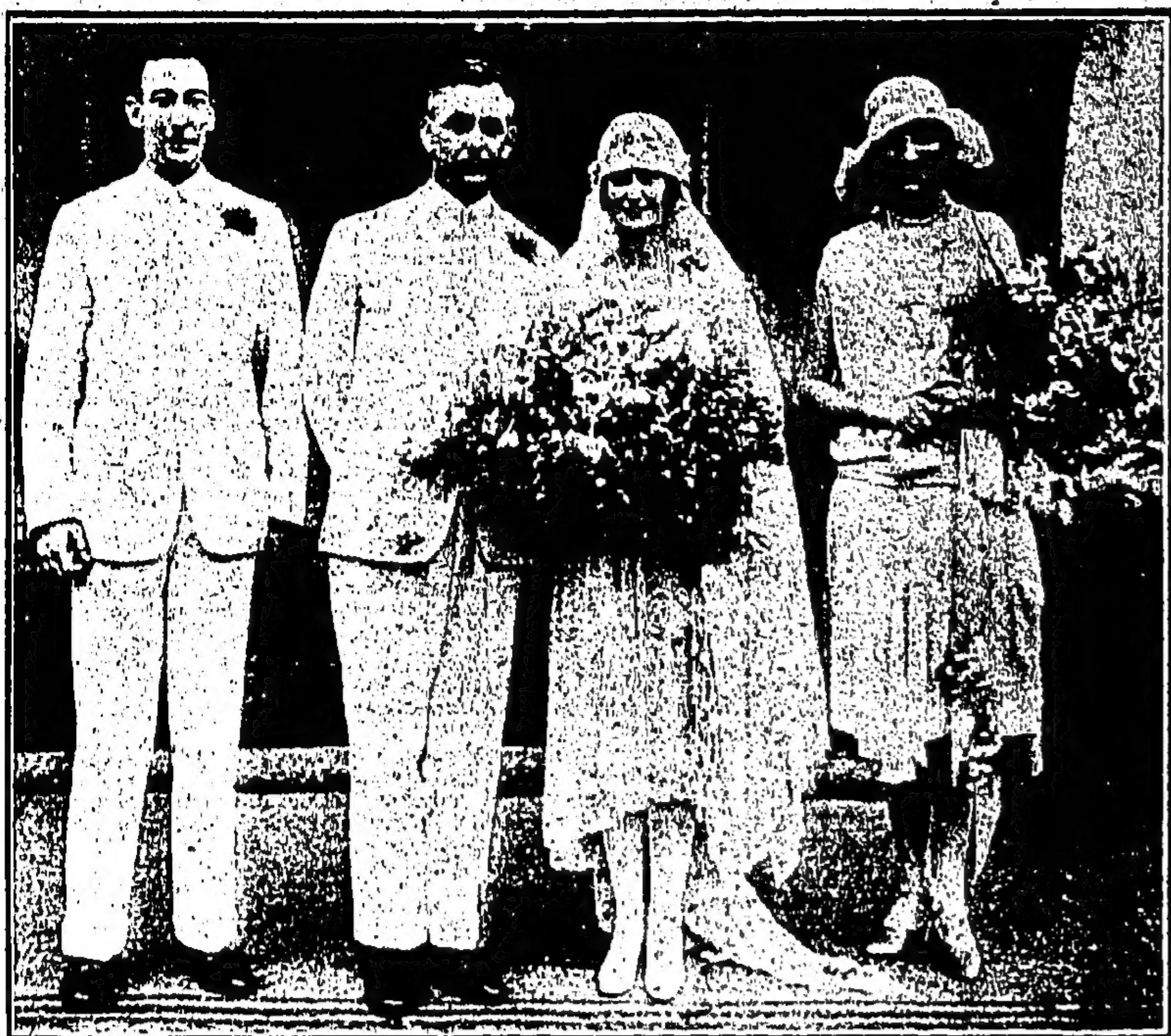


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Mr. Lewis Thomas Watty, of the Chartered Bank, Singapore, and formerly of Hongkong and his bride, Miss Teresa Dunno, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dunno of Hendon, London, after their wedding at the Cathedral of the Good Shepherd, Singapore.



Two characteristic snaps of the ex-Kaiser Wilhelm taken at Doorn recently.



Picture shows Madame Lupescu, Prince Carol's paramour, taken on the Surrey estate where Carol stayed.



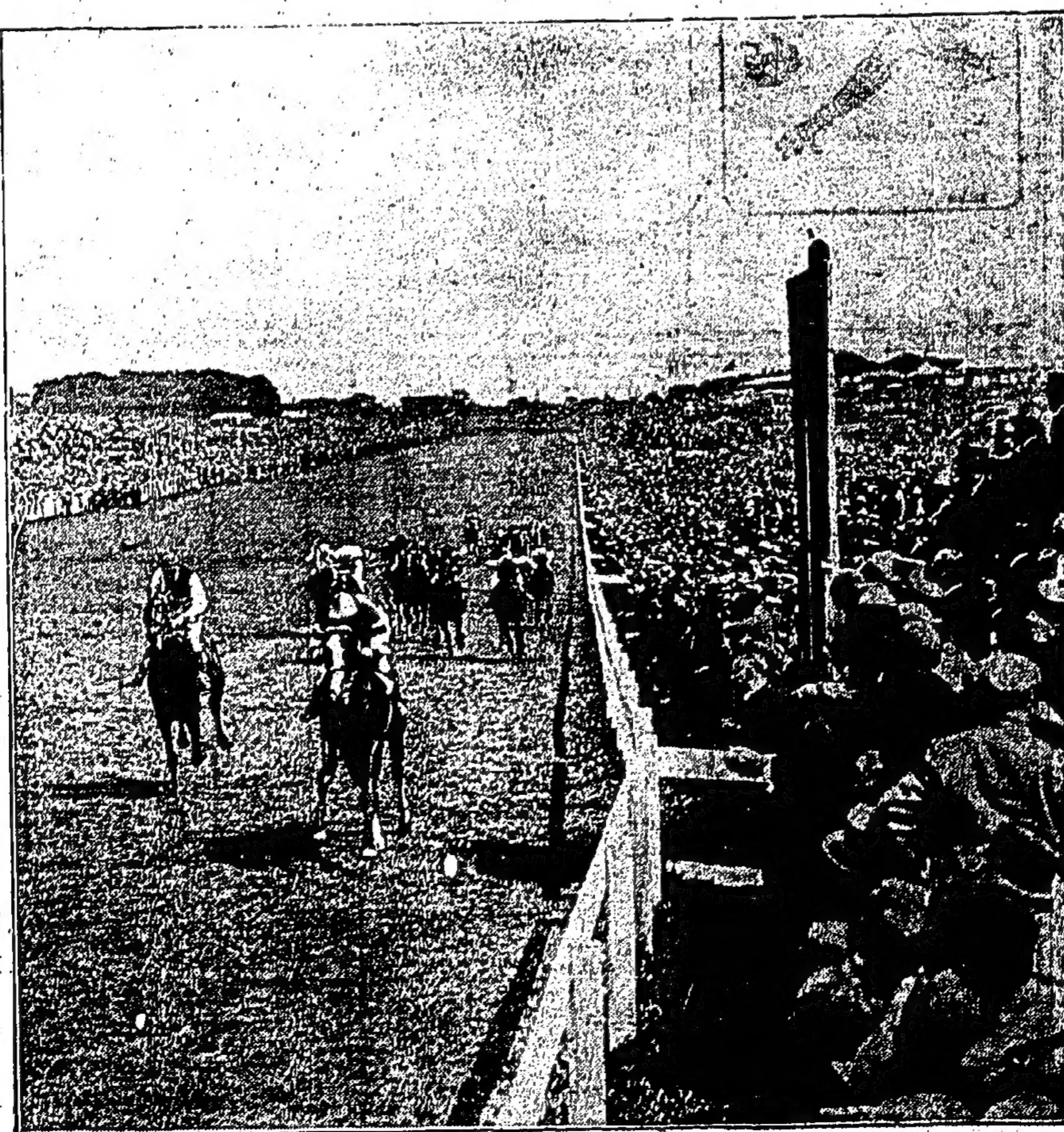
Mr. David A. Hoag an American who says he is the original Andy Gump, of the Sidney Smith comic strip and has filed suits against several papers on the grounds that it ridicules his deformity.



Mr. Toeg leading in Campbell, with Mr. Poto-Hunt up, after the pony had run second in the June Get-away Plate at the Dragon Boat Festival race meeting held at Kiangwan Shanghai, recently.



Miss Setsu Matsudaira, who probably will be the next Empress of Japan. She is to marry Prince Chichibu, heir apparent to the Japanese throne. Miss Matsudaira's father is the Japanese ambassador to the United States.



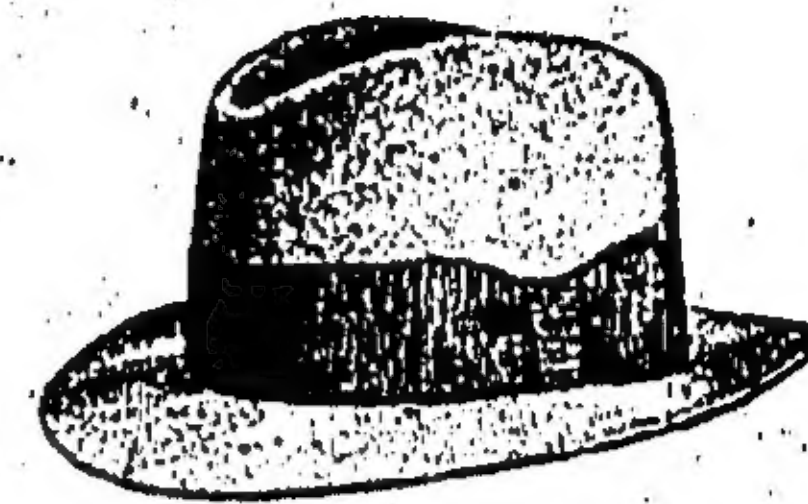
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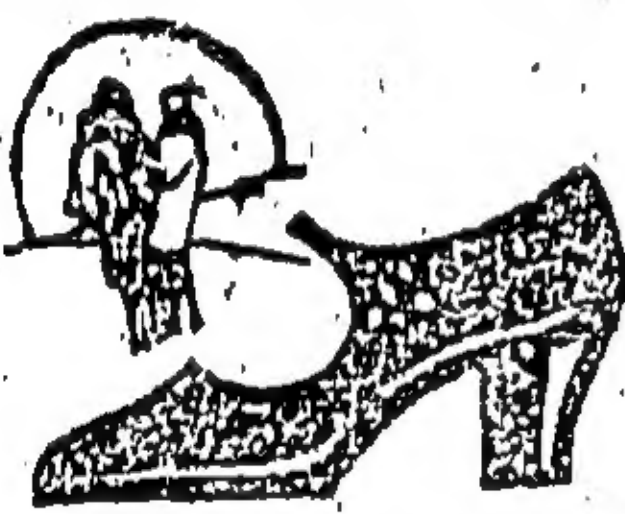
The digestion, too, is not what it used to be, in fact in most of these cases it is just here that the root of the trouble lies. For when the digestive organs are not doing their work properly the blood becomes impoverished, the nerves fail, the whole system gets into an enfeebled, poisoned condition.

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If a mackintosh is not very dirty, dry cleaning may suffice. For this mix together in a large bowl 4 ozs. each of whiting, lime, white pipeclay, and wood ashes. Rub the mackintosh all over with this mixture using an old towel, after laying the garment on a flat surface. Afterwards finish off by rubbing with a dry chamolite leather.

If the mackintosh is very dirty dip it first in cold water then spread it out on a table and scrub with warm water and soft soap. Any stains remaining should be rubbed out with a raw potato.

If the mackintosh is a tweed or cloth one, the water may have destroyed the proof, and it will be necessary to waterproof it again. This can also be done at home by dissolving a pound and a half of sugar of lead in five gallons of water, and when dissolved, mixing with it a solution made by dissolving 1½ lb alum in another five gallons of water. The mackintosh must be placed in this mixture and allowed to stand for 24 hours. It should then be lifted out, and hung outside on a coat hanger to drain in the wind. It must not be wrung dry.

Mackintoshes cleaned in this way will look practically as good as new.

Re-covering a Screen.

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Whether in the nursery or a sitting-room, a screen is such a decorative item that it is worthy of more attention than it usually gets.



The blouse of the moment, smartly cut on shirt lines, is worn tucked under the skirt which is finished with a fairly broad belt. This model is in ivory tulle de soie.

Too often a screen is considered only as a strictly useful accessory; it is often shabby and torn, and only brought out when there is a draught to be dealt with.

It is not difficult to re-cover a screen, and it may be done in a variety of cheap materials. Case-mont cloth, fine hessian, cretonne, and even wallpaper all serve excellently. If the foundation is torn, it must be mended first. Perhaps the best way is to paste strong brown paper over the holes, which gives a smooth surface again.

Besides the material, some drawing pins will be required, braid for the edges, and some brass-headed tacks. Carefully cut off the quantity of material for each wing of the screen, allowing a generous turning all round. This can be placed in position on the framework with the drawing pins, turning in the edges at the same time. Readjustment will probably be needed in places in order to get the material well stretched. When it is fixed to satisfaction, the edges are further secured, and the braid attached with the brass-headed tacks, putting them in at equal intervals.

If a patterned material has been used no further decoration is necessary, but on a plain background, panels, dados or friezes may be cut from material or wallpaper and added to the screen.

When wallpaper is used for the entire purpose, it is probably best to paste it into position. The most successful scheme is to use a neutral coloured paper of a canvas-like texture, and decorate the top of the screen with a cut-out wallpaper frieze, either in colours or one tone silhouettes.

Why Women Revolted.

In the course of a discussion upon the future activities of women, Mr. Anthony M. Ludovici expresses the opinion that since woman, whose chief interests are vital, is now seeking her interest more and more in non-vital concerns, she must, for many generations, "have found her relationship to man disappointing, disillusioning, and incapable of giving her a satisfying and full experience."

This is, I think, true enough.

Even when a woman had deliberately chosen or allowed herself to be chosen by her mate, because she thought him greater than herself, she could never have enjoyed having her own intelligence or capacity under-estimated.

There must always have been the itch to show what she could do. And when the man in whose hands she had placed her destiny was not in reality her intellectual or physical superior, the need to throw off the tradition of inferiority must have been even stronger.

But now that they have both learnt their lesson, will she not begin to admit that before she came out into the market-place, here was really the "better part?"

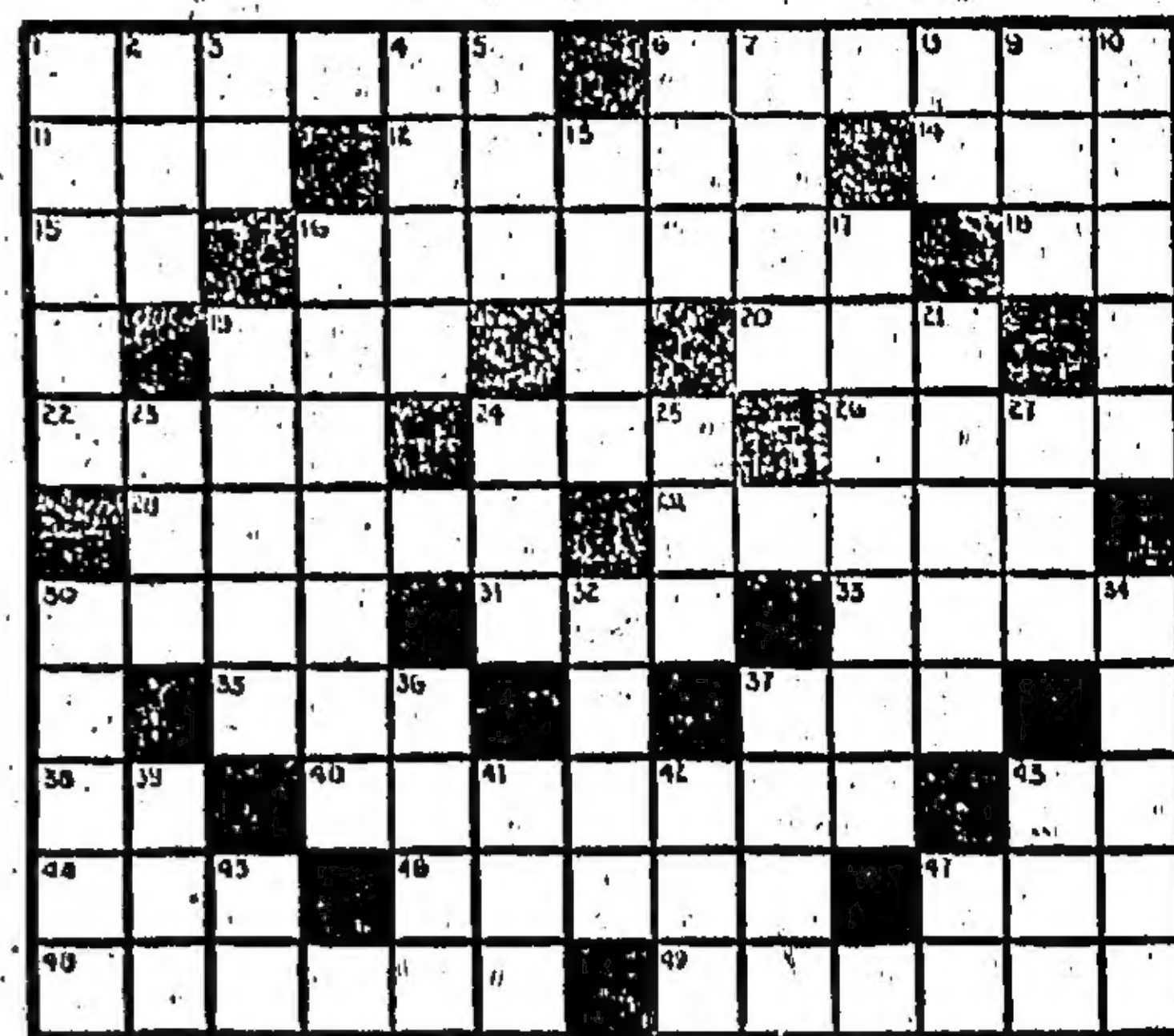
Is it not just possible that, in the strife and hubbub of earning a living or competing for "success," she will lose that semi-contemplative attitude to life, which may have given her all her secret strength, which yet showed itself in the tenderness which the world needs more than anything else?

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Horizontal.

- 1 In what city is the Illinois state prison?
- 6 In what city are the headquarters of the League of Nations?
- 11 Star.
- 12 Insipid.
- 14 Nothing.
- 15 Point of compass.
- 16 Gigantic.
- 18 Morphin dye.
- 19 Constant companion.
- 20 Tiny flap.
- 22 Tidy.
- 24 Beverage.
- 26 Vegetable.
- 28 Sorcerer.
- 29 To lift up.
- 30 Oil shaft.
- 31 To devour.
- 33 Home of a bird.
- 35 To stitch.
- 37 To place.
- 38 Minor note.
- 40 Fault.
- 43 Correlative of either.
- 44 Sneaky.
- 46 Amount at which a person is rated with reference to assessment?
- 47 Possesses.
- 48 What fighter is scheduled to meet Gene Tunney next?
- 49 What fruit is called the "paradise apple?"

Vertical.

- 1 Who was sent in search of the "Golden Fleece?"
- 2 Type of poem.
- 3 Beheld.
- 4 Bad.
- 5 To make a type of lace.
- 6 Liquor.

Yesterday's Solution.

- 7 To prepare for publication.
- 8 Half an em.
- 9 By way of.
- 10 Which American officer captured Fort Ticonderoga?
- 13 To peep.
- 16 Gossiped.
- 17 Body of political advisers.
- 19 Buckle.
- 21 To surround.
- 23 Female sheep.
- 24 Definite article.
- 25 Work of genius.
- 27 Copper.
- 30 Which of our United States senators comes from Helena, Montana?
- 32 To instigate.
- 34 What is the trunk of the human body called?
- 36 Existed.
- 37 Vat for green fodder.
- 39 Boer.
- 41 Verb of permission.
- 42 Rodent.
- 43 Grain.
- 45 You.
- 47 Exclamation.

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Mr. T. W. Woodhouse, of Natal, says that unless South Africa receives some of the surplus population from the Mother Country that Dominion will eventually become a black man's country.

Any Tanglefoot to-day?

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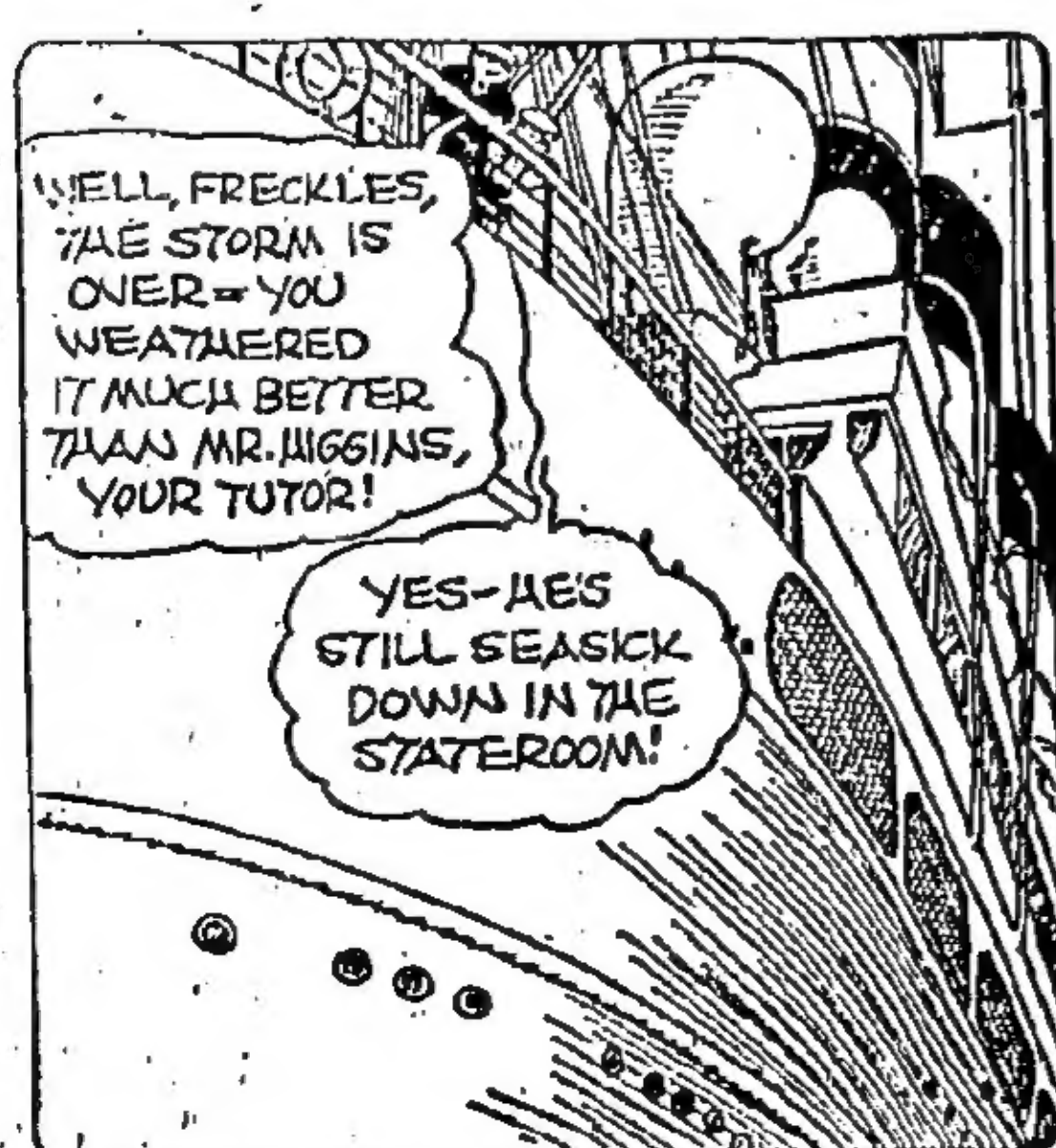
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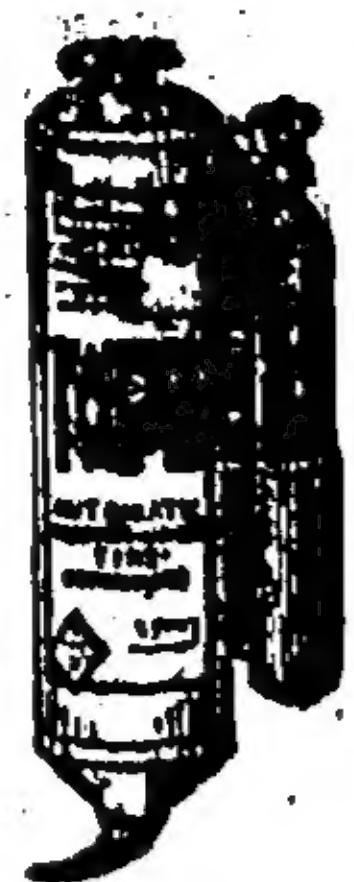
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PUBLIC HEALTH.

Some illuminating statistics regarding the terrible toll of human life in the Colony from tubercular diseases are contained in the annual report of the Medical Officer of Health, just issued. These reveal that during last year there were no fewer than 2,123 deaths from tubercular infections, which represents a percentage of 14.33 of the total deaths registered during the year. In number, there is a slight increase in the mortality from these complaints, as compared with the previous twelve months, although the ratio as compared with total deaths is rather lower than for the past two years. Even more startling figures are disclosed in regard to respiratory diseases of all types, for if we include tuberculosis in these, we find that there were close on six thousand deaths in 1927, which is nearly forty per cent. of the total Chinese deaths. There are, of course, many causes for the high mortality from respiratory tuberculosis, amongst which overcrowding and unhygienic modes of living are undoubtedly big factors. But we are also convinced that the spitting habit, of which we have heard so much lately, tends to a marked spread of diseases of this type, and for that reason we hope that steps will be taken to endeavour to suppress this disgusting and dangerous habit.

Malaria, we note, is on the increase in the Colony. The total deaths last year from this cause were 635, which is the highest for the past fourteen years if we except the three years from 1923 to 1925 inclusive. It is suggested in the Medical Officer's report that the flow of the population to and from neighbouring Chinese territory, amounting in a year to more than the estimated population of the Colony, makes it impossible to say to what extent infection causing death occurs here. The same, however, could be said of the majority of diseases. The fact is that malaria is on the increase, and we shall not be satisfied until the authorities make serious efforts to combat the disease on organised lines. In this connexion, we hope much from the activities of the malarial expert who is being engaged by the Government and who should be able to give valuable advice on the

best methods of campaign. There is another disease which takes too big a toll of the community, namely, typhoid. The figures for last year show no fewer than 314 cases, which is materially more than for any of the past ten years for which statistics are given. There were 159 deaths from this cause, against 121 in the previous year. Nothing is said in the Medical Officer's report as to the probable cause of these cases, and we cannot help thinking that this is a matter deserving of serious investigation. When we had the big epidemic a few years back, all manner of theories were put forward to account for the incidence of the disease, but no satisfactory determination of the cause was disclosed. Unless the cause is ascertained, how can we hope to battle against the disease?

There is one satisfactory aspect of the report, and that is the Colony's continued freedom from plague. During last year, not a single case was notified, and this immunity has now been enjoyed, for some four years past. When we recall the serious dimensions of past plague outbreaks here, this is an extremely gratifying fact. Hongkong now appears to be enjoying the fruits of organised attack against this disease, and we believe that if other diseases were tackled with equal determination, a marked improvement in the health of the community would result.

Tariff Autonomy.

China's right to enjoy tariff autonomy is one on which the Nationalists have always insisted. It will be a matter for surprise, therefore, if the Nanking Government hesitates to carry into effect the far-reaching resolution adopted by the Finance Conference, which contemplates the declaration of autonomy in January, 1929. This ending of foreign tutelage in respect of the Customs is integrally a part of the larger programme of treaty revision, but, to be perfectly candid, we feel that no serious objection should be raised provided the full compass of the resolution is put into operation. The Tariff Conference which came to an end because there was no longer a Government with whom to negotiate, promised tariff autonomy on January 1st, 1929, conditional upon the abolition of likin by the same date. The position to-day is better all round than could fairly have been claimed in 1926; the whole of China is now nominally under Nationalist control. The Nationalist Finance Conference has recommended compliance with the terms laid down by the Tariff Conference, (and we are not concerned with whether they considered them or not), and moreover, is seeking to complete the abolition of likin at the earliest possible moment, authorising the application of special consumption taxes to cover the anticipated loss of revenue. If likin is abolished in China, and the sponsors of the movement may be regarded as worthy of special consideration. Strictly speaking it should be required of Nanking as a Government that the change should be accomplished by negotiation, carrying on from the point where the representatives of the Powers left off in 1925. Nevertheless, the Powers were then agreed upon the grant of autonomy, and events have followed one upon the other with such rapidity since, that an entirely new situation has to be faced, warranting a certain degree of laxity. If Nanking seriously oversteps the mark it will be time to step in, but if on the other hand the Government proceeds along reasonable lines in the matter of tariff autonomy, abolishes likin, draws up a new schedule to be announced three months before it is put into operation, and gives the necessary assurances that adequate provision will be made to meet all liabilities for the foreign service loans, we are satisfied that the right policy will be to condone any technical offence which may thus be committed. We see no distinction in principle between the point at issue and the imposition of the Washington surtaxes, which, strictly illegal, have been tacitly conceded. To-day's cable from Nanking tells us this much: the present Government's financial affairs have an excellent idea of what measures will be of most benefit to their country, and if the Powers can assist them to carry out their comprehensive programme, nothing should be withheld. One of the first steps must be tariff autonomy and the Powers can show their goodwill by not making too great a fuss about it.

DAY BY DAY.

THE MAN WHO PRATES ABOUT THE CRUELTY OF ANGLING WILL BE FOUND INVARIABLY TO BEAT HIS WIFE.—Christopher North.

A Chinese case of small-pox was notified yesterday.

The a.s. Anking was taken in hand at Talkoo Dock this morning for overhaul and refit.

It is understood that Mr. H. T. Jackson, Assistant Director of the Public Works Department, is leaving for Home by s.s. Rawalpindi on July 21.

It is announced that the a.s. Sanning will take the place of the a.s. Wing On on the Kowloon run while that vessel is in dock. The first sailing will be this evening.

The American Express Company's travel department has issued an interesting list of ocean and local sailings, giving dates and fares charged by the various steamship lines.

Mr. M. M. Moss, Mrs. A. M. Birchall, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Denham, Mr. G. Allan, and Mr. J. A. Jackson were passengers on the Blue Funnel s.s. Hector, which left yesterday for Europe.

This morning's Harbour Office reports gave a heavy arrival list, with high tonnage. Freight inward were generally poor, however, but the through figures were better. British returns were approximately 8,000 tons under each heading, but Japanese carried the highest freight of the day. At 9 a.m. there were 67 vessels in harbour, of which 24 were British.

At the Marine Court this morning Chian Kam, mistress of a fishing boat, was charged with loitering within 100 yards of the sea wall of the Naval Dockyard, and was fined \$10. Wong Cheung-lol, master of a cargo boat, pleaded guilty to making fast to the s.s. Hanoi while that vessel was under way, but stated that the ship had stopped, although she was not fast to a buoy. A fine of \$10 was imposed.

An unemployed Chinese painter appeared before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, on a charge of returning from banishment and disobeying a deportation order dated 1924. The defendant, who was banished for ten years, was arrested in Argyle Street yesterday. Sentence of ten months' hard labour was imposed, the defendant having one previous conviction for unlawful possession of arms.

A motor mishap occurred at noon yesterday, when owing to some undetermined reasons a Chinese owned motor lorry, while passing the Praya East, near the A. King Motor Boat Co., fell into the harbour. According to the meagre information available the driver, who was alone in the vehicle, was not injured. Later in the afternoon the owner succeeded in salvaging the lorry and dragged it back to shore.

LORRY RUNS INTO HARBOUR.

DRIVER'S DESPAIRING LEAP FAILS.

Stopping his vehicle near the seawall at Causeway Bay while he stepped out to chat with a friend yesterday a lorry-driver was dismayed a minute later to find it backing rapidly towards the sea. A folk who was sitting in the lorry, had apparently tampered with the brake.

The driver made a despairing leap on to the dashboard in an attempt to stop the lorry's career. He was a fraction too late, and the lorry toppled into the water. The driver had jumped off, escaping an immersion.

MOTOR MISHAP.

CAR FALLS INTO NULLAH.

In a report made to the police yesterday, Mr. A. W. da Rosa, living at 51, Granville Road, Kowloon, described a motor-accident which occurred while he was out motoring the previous day, and which resulted in a Chinese driver and a passenger of another car being injured.

At half-past six, says Mr. da Rosa, he was passing over a bridge, near Tin Kau village, and saw a large number of cars parked against the roadside, leaving very little room for two vehicles to pass each other. Another car at the moment was approaching from the opposite direction, and it passed Mr. da Rosa's car safely, but a moment later it crashed into a ditch, all fell down a nullah. The driver was injured in the crash, while the passenger in the same car was injured in the left hand. Both were taken to hospital.

SHANGHAI'S LATEST CLUB.

FORMER HONGKONG MAN'S SCHEME.

Hongkong residents will be interested to learn that M. Jean Haud, formerly of the Hongkong Hotel staff (and better known to patrons as "Alphonse") has been instrumental in the formation of the International Country Club in Shanghai, of which he is now the Manager.

This Club, which is situated in Siccaw Road, has been organised primarily to serve Shanghai's cosmopolitan population, and is making a big appeal to sportsmen and business men, of whom there are at present two hundred on the membership roll. It is a French undertaking, with seven Directors.

The premises, though unpretentious, are unique, and the present building will be extended to cope with the expansion of the Club as occasion warrants. The main building is in the chateau style.

About Hong Kong.

Do you know that—

More than fifty years ago there was formed in Hongkong an organisation to assist in saving life during typhoons?

In 1875 that this body was established, under the name of the Humane Society. In the previous year, the Colony had been visited by a disastrous typhoon, which did some million dollars worth of damage, and it was for the purpose of preventing the loss of life and of rendering assistance in typhoons that the Society was created.

The Hon. Mr. P. Ryrie was the President, and the movement got so far as the purchasing of apparatus, but within a year or so the scheme was dropped.

A somewhat similar organisation was in existence about twenty years ago, but, like its predecessor, it eventually became moribund.

and on either side is an apartment house, each containing twenty rooms. There is, moreover, garage accommodation for 22 motor-cars.

Every facility is provided for sport on the 22 mow of land owned by the Club. These grounds are at present sufficient for eight tennis courts and when sufficient members have enrolled these will be extended so that at least twenty more courts and a basketball ground may be added. Croquet, a miniature golf course, a bowling alley and a lawn bowls ground will be available shortly.

The premises include a reading room, a card room, and a ball room, with a capacity for a hundred couples, where teas and dinners are served. Regular tea and dinner dances are also held. A billiard room and other club facilities will be added in the near future.

The Club was opened on March 1st.

CORRESPONDENCE.

FIRST EUROPEAN CEMETERY.

[To The Editor of Hongkong Telegraph.]

Sir,—Since enquiring from you with regard to above, I have looked up the Government Gazette, and find that in Government Notification No. 447 of 2nd November, 1889, it gives particulars in respect to the removal of this Old Cemetery.

It appears that 55 persons were buried there, the burials taking place between the years 1841 and 1845, a large number being Naval and Military Officers.—Yours, etc.,

AN OLD RESIDENT.

Hongkong, July 12, 1928.

CAFE INCIDENT.

TWO CHARGES AGAINST BLUEJACKET.

A bluejacket, named A. F. Stevens, of H.M.S. Moth, was charged before Major C. Willson at the Central Magistracy this morning, with maliciously damaging a window at the Empress Hotel to the extent of \$25 on June 14th. He was also charged with assaulting an assistant at the Cafe in the same building.

Mr. Leo d'Almada, Esq., appeared for the prosecution, and the case was adjourned until Wednesday, at 2.15 p.m.

The Very Idea!

The Long Arm of Coincidence.—"In 1916 I was living in lodgings in London," writes a Dovercourt resident, "when a letter was brought to me by my landlord addressed to Miss S—, Cambridge-road, London."

"My landlord happened to be at the district Post Office one night when the letter came for inquiry. He lived at Cambridge-gardens, and he had a lady lodger of that name. The letter was mine."

Arriving home from school, Willie remarked to his mother, "I met a poor little boy coming home from school who had never heard of ice-cream."

"Indeed, and what did you say to him?" said his mother.

"I said I'd nearly forgotten it myself," was Willie's reply.

There's a fellow I know who once hadn't a bean. Now he's driving around in a swell limousine.

But the industrial shares which I purchased with pride, Why! as soon as I bought them they started to slide.

I've a neighbour who keeps up a style that is great, Because he has shares in a rubber estate.

Now rubber, I said, is an investment that's sound, Then rubber came down to ninepence a pound.

My broker said, "Gramophones, there's a good buy." He broke me, but boosted up some other guy.

Market heavy and dull," is the next thing I see, But it wasn't as dull and as heavy as me.

"Buy copper, buy oil"—but my bankbook reveals That I haven't a copper to help oil the wheels.

And now, though I simply can't live on my screw, I've stopped all my futilities—what else can I do?

A young man came rushing on to the platform at London Bridge Station to find his homebound train just moving out. He boarded the train quickly, pushed his head out and hailed the porter, to whom he said, "All right, Leatherhead?"

The porter, looking somewhat aggrieved, retorted holly, "All right, kipperface!"

Mr. Cairns, Thames Court magistrate, when informed that a casual ward inmate refused to chop wood: I do it as a recreation.

Walthamstow woman of her lodger: She said "You lady," but you should have heard the "lady."

A husband summoned at Highgate for deserting his wife was stated to have written in a letter to her: "You deserve the V. C.—in this instance the Vicious Conduct Medal."

Thames magistrate to a number of women who complained of the conduct of their husbands: I never saw so many angelic women or heard of so many imperfect men.

Wife at Willesden: These are my marriage lines, sir, and I want them cancelled because of my husband's cruelty.

Bow debtor: I made the usual promises when I borrowed this money, and now he wants me to keep to them.

Wilkesden magistrate to a man summoned for wife desertion: Why are you late? Man: Because I had to cook my own breakfast.

Young woman summoned at Kingston for causing an obstruction with her motor-car: You must blame the drapers for that.

The heavy hand of the house-wrecker has fallen on another of London's old landmarks. The house of Nell Gwynne, the orange girl of Drury Lane, who became the mistress of Charles II, is being torn down to make room for some picnic shops and a garage.

The old building is a splendid example of its period, with a great bow front and pillared entrance. It is situated in Shepherd Market, between Piccadilly and Curzon Street. In the eighteenth century Admiral Lord Nelson chose the house for his town residence and erected a precarious top story which he used as an office.

EXCHANGE RATES.

London, July 11.
Paris 124.20
Brussels 124.90
Amsterdam 12.07 1/2
Berlin 20.39
Copenhagen 18.20
Vienna 34.52 1/2
Helsingfors 193 1/2
Athens 375
Bucharest 705 1/2
Buenos Aires 47 1/2
Shanghai 436 13/16
Yokohama 1/10 13/16
New York 25.21
Geneva 92.83
Milan 104 1/2
Stockholm 18.10
Oslo 18.20
Prague 164 1/2
Madrid 29.50
Lisbon 277 1/2
Rio 557 1/2
Bombay 1/5 1/2
Hongkong 27 1/2
Silver (spot) 27 1/2
Silver (forward) 27 1/2

—British Wireless.

HIGHWAY ROBBERY STORY.**KENNEDY TOWN AFFAIR TOLD IN COURT.****EMIGRANTS' LOSSES.**

Details of the highway robbery at Kennedy Town on Tuesday last were disclosed in Mr. R. E. Lindell's Court this morning, when two Chinese appeared in the dock, charged with taking part in the robbery.

The Assistant Director of Criminal Investigation, Mr. T. Murphy, asked his Worship to arrange a short remand, stating that he felt it might be necessary to deal with the case summarily. That "was due to the fact that the complainant desired to leave the Colony almost at once, he being a returned emigrant from Java who was on his way back to his country. The police were not able to hold the complainant who was the principal witness in the case. He asked his Worship if a written record of the complainant's evidence would be sufficient for the Sessions.

Recovered Goods.

Mr. Murphy added that \$70 of the stolen money and a ring were recovered and that after the defendants were arrested the police themselves revealed to the police the hiding place where the money was kept. He asked the Magistrate whether it could be arranged to get the case within this month's Sessions.

His Worship decided to amend the charge to one of larceny \$190 and a ring from the complainant. The victim of the robbery, a Chinese named Po Ming, then gave evidence. He said he was a returned emigrant from Deli, Sumatra and arrived in Hongkong on Tuesday by the s.s. "Cremor." There were a number of other emigrants on board.

Luck at Gambling.

Mr. Lindell—Then gambling much on the way up?

Witness:—Yes, there was gambling.

His Worship:—You have any luck?—Yes, a bit of good luck.

How much did you win?—About 20 to 30 guineas.

Witness, in reply to further questions told the Magistrate that he had 200 guineas of his own. During the voyage he lent his savings to several emigrants who returned the money to him at the Chu Yick Boarding House on Tuesday. Witness received in all \$162 in Hongkong currency, this amount being the equivalent of the 200 guineas which he possessed. In addition to this, he cashed a draft and realised \$30, so that he cashed a draft and realised \$30, so that he had in all \$192 in his possession on Tuesday morning.

The Attack.

On leaving the Chu Yick boarding house, witness went for a walk along the Kennedy Town praya. As he was turning into a side street, someone came up from behind and threw his arms round witness' waist. At the same time three other men appeared, two of whom, witness identified as the first and second defendants.

The first defendant, said the witness, seized him by the throat and also managed to steal a gold ring off his left hand. The second defendant tore away his left jacket pocket, causing his banknotes to fall on to the street. The second defendant then picked up the notes and handed them to the man who was holding witness from behind.

At this moment, the fourth man tried to get at witness' right jacket pocket, but witness gave him a kick which caused the man to lose his balance. Someone then gave the alarm to "run" and all the four men ran away with their victim in hot pursuit. Witness kept the men in sight all the time and saw them disappear in a grocery shop. Witness attempted to follow, but was stopped by the foks of the shop.

Two Arrests.

Later, a small boy took the witness to a boarding house, where they found the master of the grocery shop, and together they returned to the shop, where a large crowd had collected. A constable was also there and they went in together to search the shop. The two defendants were found in a room at the back.

Witness said that the constable made no search of the room or of the defendants, but added that they were taken to the Police Station.

Extraordinary.

At the conclusion of this witness' evidence, his Worship remarked that it was most extraordinary that the two defendants should remain in the cubicle while the other two could escape.

Sergeant Whant:—In fact, the first defendant told the police, when he took them back to the room in the shop, that the other two men were hiding in the lavatory, which was exactly opposite the room where these two men

WAR RENUNCIATION TREATY.**BRITISH "DELAY" CRITICISED IN COMMONS.**

London, July 11. Sir Austen Chamberlain was subjected to considerable heckling on the part of Opposition members of the House of Commons today on the subject of the "delay" in replying to Mr. Kellogg's No-War Treaty proposals.

Sir Austen said he was confident he would be able to reply before the end of the session. He emphasised that the governments of the Dominions and India were in no wise responsible for any delay.

He defined the "delay," for which he himself was responsible, as "time being taken for careful consideration."—*Reuter.*

OF TOBACCO FAME.**DEATH OF SIR GEORGE ALFRED WILLS.**

London, July 11. The death is announced of Sir George Alfred Wills, President of the Imperial Tobacco Company (of Great Britain and Ireland), Ltd.—*Reuter.*

The deceased, who was born in 1854, was the eldest son of the late Mr. Henry Overton Wills, J.P., who was the first Chancellor of the University of Bristol. He was educated at a private school in Clifton, and at Mill Hill School, Middlesex.

He was a Director of the British-American Tobacco Co., and of the Great Western Railway. Chairman of the Leigh Woods Land Co., Ltd., late Chairman of the Council and Pro-Chancellor of the University of Bristol, President of the Bristol General Hospital, past President of the Grateful (Colston) Society and of the Colston Research Society. He was a J.P. for Somerset, Hon. D. C. L. of Oxford and Hon. LL. D. of Bristol University.

Decensed was granted a Baronet in 1923, and is succeeded in the title by his eldest son, Mr. George Vernon Proctor Wills.

NERVOUS TRADING IN U.S. STOCKS.**RE-DISCOUNT RATE INCREASE HITS MARKET.**

New York, July 11. The advance of the Chicago Federal Reserve Bank's re-discount rate from 4½ to 5 per cent., which anticipated all expectations, immediately affected the Stock Market prices which fell off sharply following speculative selling and liquidation by nervous traders. The losses ranged from five to twenty points and also embraced investment issues.

Call-money rates advanced to seven per cent. and the market closed weak, it being felt that it is merely a matter of time before the other Federal Banks follow Chicago's example.—*Reuter's American Service.*

ANTHRAX DANGERS.**AUSTRALIA & INDIA ADAMANT.**

London, July 11. Sir Vivian Henderson, in the course of the Home Office debate in the House of Commons, alluded to anthrax.

He said a report with regard to the further scheduling of wool for disinfection was at present being printed, but while Australia and India refused to co-operate in this connexion it would be impossible to deal with the question internationally or to make any progress.—*Reuter.*

U. S. DEMOCRATIC CHAIRMAN.

New York, July 11. Mr. John J. Raskob, Chairman of the Finance Committee of General Motors, has been appointed Chairman of the Democratic National Committee.—*Reuter's American Service.*

were arrested. The constable was handicapped by not knowing the Chiu Chow dialect and did not know what was going on. We think the other two men got away from the back lane.

The first defendant asked if he wished to question the witness, said the whole trouble started by a man named Chan trying to borrow money from this complainant.

This the witness denied, pointing out that he did not know the defendant or the man named Chan whom he mentioned.

The hearing will be continued to-morrow morning.

MUSICAL JOTTINGS.

Open-air Singing in the Tatloo—Violinists' Repertoires—The "Valkyrie" Caricatured.

[BY "ALLEGRO"]

The Hongkong Philharmonic Society cannot be said to have enthused over the proposal that they should, as a body, join in the forthcoming Tatloo. According to press reports, they were given no indication as to what was required of them; everything was delightfully vague, and to all questions the answer appeared to be "We know nothing about singing; that is the Philharmonic's province; we leave it to you." The only thing that was really clear was that they were to sing in the open air. It is difficult to believe that the proposal was made seriously. The chorus at the Society's performances at the Theatre Royal usually numbers about 60 performers; place these 60 persons assuming they all fall in with the project—in the middle of Happy Valley, three hundred yards from the audience (which was the spot indicated for their rehearsal) and listen to the result; put a powerful military band there to accompany them and their efforts will be futile.

To sing in the open air at any time is very trying, and a number of singers have too much regard for the preservation of their voices to attempt it. How, then, can a little band of maidens and men be expected to devote weeks of rehearsal to folk songs, or whatever it is they are supposed to sing, only to have their final efforts nullified by the great spaces around them and by a brass band? Of course the Philharmonic Society members would no doubt be augmented by a number of extra singers, but it would require a chorus of several hundreds to make the vocal effort worth while.

I liked Tiphaut's choice of programmes, particularly that of the second concert. A violinist's repertoire is necessarily rather restricted, but as a rule our big performers do not make sufficient use of the number of works available. Time after time they give us Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto, the Kreutzer Sonata, Saint-Saens' Rondo Capriccioso, Caprice Viennois, etc., and yet many great works are left untouched from one year's end to another. Writing on this subject, Percy Scholes made an appeal to Kreisler, as the world's greatest violinist hero of the moment, to do something to help widen the violinist's repertoire. "To take a few examples, why always the Chaconne? Bach wrote six suites and partitas, comprising over two dozen movements. The Chaconne is merely one of these movements. Recently Kreisler played it on a Wednesday, Czaplinski on the following Monday, and Losenzky on the previous Wednesday. There seems to be an idea that every violinist must challenge public criticism with the Chaconne, so that it has become with the big public as much "The Chaconne as a certain piano piece has become "The Prelude."

"Similarly violinists, when they play Beethoven, too generally play the Kreutzer Sonata. Kreisler has not lately played us any Beethoven Sonatas, but if he does so I should hope to find him deliberately neglecting the over-played Kreutzer, and giving us instead, (Continued on Page 8.)



The Letter? You are hereby summoned to do service as a juror.

STOLEN MONEY NOW RECOVERED.**NO DISCLOSURE OF POLICE METHODS.**

A brief police report received this morning states that the \$200 lost by a bather at the South China bathing shed at Quarry Bay has been recovered by the police.

The exact circumstances of the recovery of the money are not disclosed.

In a previous report, it was stated that Wong Kam, a 20-year-old youth, who went down to the shed to swim, handed two one-hundred dollar bills to a caretaker whose duty it is to receive money and valuables for safekeeping in the deposit office.

When the bather returned and asked for the return of the money, he was informed that it had been lost. The police on receiving a report of the loss, visited the shed and took the two men who are in charge of the deposit office into custody.

LOST AT SEA.**DISAPPEARANCE OF A JAPANESE DOCTOR.**

A report was handed in at the Harbour Office this morning by the s.s. Amazon Maru, relative to the loss at sea of Dr. K. Mitsui. This report was originally made at Singapore, the casualty having occurred when the vessel was two days off from that port.

The master, Captain M. Sekyo, states that at 8 p.m. on July 3, the doctor was reported missing, the ship being at that time some 20 miles beyond the One Fathom Bank. The vessel was searched, but no trace of the doctor could be found.

It being presumed that Dr. Mitsui had fallen overboard, course was reversed and all over-side lamps lit. The search was continued for three hours, under dangerous circumstances, the vicinity being generally shoal water, but no traces of the doctor were found.

Course was resumed at 11 p.m., the Amazon Maru arriving at Singapore on July 4, when the original report was made.

MOTOR SPEED RECORD.**CAPT. CAMPBELL TO TRY IN SYRIAN DESERT.**

London, July 11. Captain Malcolm Campbell, the famous racing motorist, after searching along the British coasts and on the coast of Denmark for a suitable place for attempting to break the world's land speed record, has decided to make an attempt in the Syrian desert in the autumn.—*British Wireless.*

FOR INDO-CHINA STUDENTS.**NEW HOSTEL STARTED IN FRANCE.**

Paris, July 11. In the presence of the King of Annam, the first stone was laid of an Indo-Chinese hostel in the Parc Mont Souris. The hostel will accommodate a hundred students.—*Reuter.*

SOLICITORS FAIL TO APPEAR.**SUMMARY COURT ACTION IS STRUCK OUT.****DAMAGES CLAIM.**

The failure of solicitors for either side to appear in the Summary Court this morning resulted in a claim for damages arising out of a motor mishap being struck out by Mr. Justice Jacks.

The action was brought by Nowell Bernard White and Pearl Clifford White, both of 8, Wanchai Gap Road, against Wong Chik, 8, Yue Kwong Terrace, the claim being for damages for negligence against the defendant, his servants or agents.

It was alleged that on April 6, this year, public motor car No. 422, the property of the defendant, was being driven by him, his servant or agent, in a westerly direction along Queen's Road East. When approaching Wanchai Post Office it was driven at such a speed, in such a negligent and reckless manner, without warning and on the wrong side of the road, that it mounted the footpath and knocked the second plaintiff down.

It was claimed that the woman was rendered unconscious and suffered from shock, bruises and contusions on the head, a bruised right knee.

Details of Claim.

The first plaintiff claimed that he had suffered damage and had been put to expenses, some of which were still continuing. Particulars given were:—Doctor's fees to date (and continuing) \$235. Massage to date (and continuing) \$67. Medicines etc. \$450. Sundries, including fares specially incurred, \$10. Damage to clothing \$30. Total \$336.50. General damages were claimed, no fixed amount being asked for, the action being limited to \$1,000 to bring it within the jurisdiction of the court.

The solicitors for the plaintiffs were Messrs. G. K. Brutton; while the case for the defendant was conducted by Mr. F. E. Nash, of Messrs. Woo and Nash.

Solicitors Absent.

Although the Summary Court usually sits at ten o'clock, his Lordship went into Court at twenty minutes past ten and when the case was called neither the parties nor solicitors were present.

Just as his Lordship announced that the case had been struck out, Mr. Nash came into Court, unrobed.

His Lordship said he believed that Mr. Nash was interested in the case, and the latter agreed, saying that Mr. Strellett had rung him up last night saying that the case would be withdrawn this morning.

His Lordship said that no intimation had been given to the Court and the case had been struck out.

Mr. Nash remarked that it came to the same thing.

ATTEMPT TO SNATCH.**LAD TRIES TO ROB EUROPEAN LADY.**

An exciting incident was witnessed in Queen's Road Central this morning, just before noon, when a young Chinese attempted to snatch a handbag from a European lady.

The would-be snatcher failed in his effort, but an alarm was raised and the lad bolted into a lane opposite the Bank of Canton, where he was caught by two Indian watchmen.

Subsequently, the arrested lad was marched off to the Central Police Station, where he was detained in custody.

OIL ESTABLISHMENTS IN SPAIN.**BRITAIN PROTESTS AGAINST SEIZURE.**

London, July 12. The Daily Telegraph states that, following the French and American examples, Britain has now protested to Spain against the seizure, without adequate compensation, of foreign oil establishments in Spain.—*Reuter.*

TYPHOON PASSING CLEAR?

The Royal Observatory reports that pressure is high to the south of Tokyo and low over China. The typhoon is crossing Northern Luzon in a W.N.W. or N.W. direction. Conditions are now favourable for its passage at a safe distance to the east of Hongkong.

The forecast till noon to-morrow is:—North-west winds, freshening; fine at first, some rain later.

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MUSICAL JOTTINGS.

(Continued from Page 7.)

perhaps, one of the three in Op 30—preferably the great C minor. (A day or two after this was written, a further Kreisler programme was announced. It included Tartini's hackneyed "Devil's Trill" and the "Kreutzer.") There are ten Beethoven sonatas for violin and piano, but the public must be getting the impression that there is only one.
Then what about Mozart? Pachelbel has shown us that there are Mozart piano sonatas which sound almost childish when played by the rank-and-file pianist, but which are really capable of being made surpassingly beautiful. Are there any of the neglected forty-two Mozart violin and piano sonatas which Kreisler, with his great influence, could restore to the repertoire? So far I have merely spoken of the older classics. But what of the modern classics? And what of the younger composers who are trying to get a footing? Are any of these worthy of Kreisler's help? My suggestion is that the violin repertoire, like the piano repertoire, is always, by some mysterious law of nature (human nature), tending to dwindle, and that nothing but the efforts of a few really great artists can check this tendency.

In 1924, two wireless experts in India were trying to pick up the London programme. Suddenly they picked up a faint sound which resolved itself into a well-known hymn. They looked at each other in amazement and then one gasped out "Good Lord, we've got through to Heaven." It was only when the English papers arrived some weeks later that they found out they had been listening to one of the first services broadcast from St. Martins-in-the-Fields!

The cartoons of "The Valyrie" by Tom Webster, who has turned his attention to "The Ring" at Covent Garden in place of the usual sporting caricatures in the Daily Mail, serve to show once again how easily Grand Opera can be parodied. According to Musical Opinion, he looks at the story of Siegmund and Hunding's wife, the turncoat created by them among the gods, the wrath of the god Wotan and the fire-spell cast upon Brunhilde, as just a mess-pot of intrigue, with one or two good fights thrown in. Siegmund has been out in the rain all day, seeking a flat, and whilst drying himself before a fire sings to amuse himself. Hearing a noise, Mrs. Hunding enters, and the two sing duets, deciding to try the halla next Summer. George Hunding returns from rabbiting and his face indicates that he knows what has been going on. Bound by the laws of hospitality, he must not thicken the ears of his guest; so George goes to bed, resolved to have it out in the morning. Siegmund, at the kitchen-fire, sings all night; Mrs. Hunding then gives George a sleeping draught and she and Siegmund leave the town. The next act shows the goddess of marriage saying nasty things about Mrs. Hunding. She tells a Mr. Wotan that it does not matter whom he has backed, Siegmund will lose in the coming fight, which proved to be the worst and shortest ever seen at Covent Garden. Wotan, having apparently backed the loser, knocks out George Hunding with one from the right. Flush with success, Wotan goes round singing for hours, putting everybody to sleep. One young lady goes right off, whereupon he lights a perpetual bonfire, signifying that when she marries, her husband will have to be a fireman.

LEAGUE TENNIS.

CRAIGENGOWER DEFEATS THE ROYAL ENGINEERS.

Playing at home yesterday, Craigengower defeated the R.E. by 62 games to 47. Scores: George Lal and Souza (C.C.C.) lost to Col. Skinner and Lt. Col. Wyatt, 5-6; lost to Capt. Jacob Wyatt, 5-6; lost to Capt. Jacob Larkcomb and Sgt. Trumper, 5-6; lost to Spr. Earl and Sqn. Ducand, 5-6.
H. Howard and Zimmerman (C.C.C.) beat Col. Skinner and Lt. Col. Wyatt, 7-4; lost to Captain Jacob Larkcomb and Sgt. Trumper, 5-6; beat Spr. Earl and Sqn. Ducand, 6-5.
W. Howard and Hamson (C.C.C.) lost to Col. Skinner and Lt. Col. Wyatt, 5-6; lost to Capt. Jacob Larkcomb and Sgt. Trumper, 4-7; beat Spr. Earl and Sqn. Ducand, 7-4.

LAWN TENNIS.

FURTHER MATCHES IN HONG DOUBLES.

In the first round of the Hong Doubles, yesterday C. C. Stark and E. J. R. Mitchell defeated W. G. Lamb and A. E. Johnston by the odd set in three, the scores being 6/3, 2/6, 6/3.
The Doodwells' pair, W. K. Tait and J. N. Owen were beaten by the A.P.C., represented by W. Lyons and L.A.R. Duncan, who won in 6-3 and 6-2.
The game between O.E.C. Marton and M. H. Turner (Duncans) and T.P. Saunders and J. R. Way (Hongkong Electric) fixed for yesterday, was not played.

mund, at the kitchen-fire, sings all night; Mrs. Hunding then gives George a sleeping draught and she and Siegmund leave the town. The next act shows the goddess of marriage saying nasty things about Mrs. Hunding. She tells a Mr. Wotan that it does not matter whom he has backed, Siegmund will lose in the coming fight, which proved to be the worst and shortest ever seen at Covent Garden. Wotan, having apparently backed the loser, knocks out George Hunding with one from the right. Flush with success, Wotan goes round singing for hours, putting everybody to sleep. One young lady goes right off, whereupon he lights a perpetual bonfire, signifying that when she marries, her husband will have to be a fireman.
It is refreshing to discover a good fox-trot among the many hundreds that make their appearance. In "This Year of Grace," the popular revue at the Pavilion, written by Noel Coward, there are one or two good melodies and "Try to Learn to Love" makes a very catchy slow fox-trot, which is irresistible when heard once or twice. It appears on a Columbia record, with "A Room with a View," also a good fox-trot from the same revue on the other side.

A GREAT FRENCH ARTIST.

EXHIBITION OF MASTERLY PAINTINGS BY DEGAS.

"Sans analyse, pas de synthese possible," said Edgar Degas, to an old friend in 1912. He himself worked all his life with this truth in his mind. Precociously was a fatal gift, the ability to do things easily atrophied brain and hand alike. His own early efforts were meticulous and tight.

Following the advice of Ingres, Degas drew lines, nothing but lines, from both Nature and memory. He was observant and neglected nothing that brought intimate knowledge of essentials, feeling that alone by what he knew would his strength be measured. Consequently he toiled with untiring tenacity and continuous reflection, until he attained the scientific and artistic freedom apparent in the masterly paintings and pastels which were on view at the Reid-Lefevre Galleries, 1a, King-street, St. James's-square recently.

There his art was displayed to the greatest advantage. In all only 21 works were shown, but in each that mysterious essence called quality was more or less abundant. Most so in "La Femme a l'Ombrelle" (11), that is if you love refined sentiment, subtlety of colour, tone, the almost imperceptible union of planes, and modelling of infinite artistry. "Aux Courses" (14), also, should win the favour of those who admire No. 11. No. 14, however, demands less on suavity of touch than on beauty of contour; although there are exquisite tonal responses within the encompassing lines of the figures set against a grey and creamy background.

Dancing and Horse Racing.

Before passing to his operatic and sporting pictures note should be made of the charming pastels, Nos. 16 and 18, which belong to the Glasgow collector, a man of taste, who owns the excellent "La Renetition de Danse" (6) and the admirably characterised "Jockeys avant la Course" (13). The "Etude de Cheval" (17) might have been drawn by Constable, and Whistler never produced a more exquisite impression of the sea than "Au Bord de la Mer" (20).

No. 5, already mentioned, is the tenderest of the dancing subjects, which include another "Repetition de Danse" (1), "Le Foyer de la Danse" in oil (2), and "Trois Danseuses" (7). All are brilliant exercises in tersischoran movement and vivid characterisation. "Au Champs de Courses" (12) contains beautiful patches of colour in turf, trees, and on the stand, where the little figures are as alluring as those of a Japanese print. The artist's knowledge of horses is revealed in the splendid pastel, "Jockeys sous la Pluie" (16). The animals are tense and eager to be off, and were one asked to spot the winner the nearest horse would be selected.

AID TO EXPORT TRADES.

MR. BALDWIN ON RATES RELIEF SCHEME.

SPEECH TO 40,000 SCOTS.

The Prime Minister addressed an audience of 40,000 at a Unionist demonstration in the grounds of Dundas Castle, near Edinburgh, recently.

Denling mainly with the Government rating scheme, he claimed that it was founded on a sound principle; that it would bring substantial relief to industry; and that it would improve local administration.
I can honestly claim, he remarked, that we have done our best to reduce the burdens of unemployment, and to alleviate the hardships incidental thereto. But we have not solved it, nor are our basic industries—coal, iron, steel, shipbuilding—in a satisfactory position. These basic industries have suffered from a depression which, in its intensity and duration, has never been surpassed. The cumulative result has been to lay on local authorities in distressed areas a crippling burden of unemployment and relief—almost more than they can stand.

We have attempted, in our proposals now before Parliament, to reform the worst anomalies of our rating system, and to do this in such a way as to bring the maximum help to the areas which need it most, and to the industries which are most distressed. We wanted to strike at the root of the evils in the rating system which aggravate our difficulties, to redraw the areas of administration, which, suitable as they might have been in the days of Elizabeth, are unsuitable to-day. We wanted to make a real and permanent contribution to the reform of local government, and to do it in such a way as to help in the revival of our suffering industries.

Aim of the Proposals.

These measures, he proceeded, have not been suddenly improvised as a makeshift expedient. They were not devised to meet the difficulties in a day, or to enlist support at the General Election. If that had been our object we could have devised proposals for the distribution of largesse far more seductive. (Laughter). Our proposals are the results neither of impulse nor of agility but of prolonged consideration and study, and they are put forward as a contribution of permanent importance to local government reform and as a real contribution to the improvement of our productive industries. (Applause).

It is quite true that we shall help some flourishing industries. That is inevitable on grounds of administration. Any attempt to discriminate between what is and is not a prosperous industry, or what is prosperous to-day and may be bankrupt next year, and to fit the result into a scheme of relief would involve a host of officials and a minute and constant watching over the accounts of every business in the Kingdom. If, incidentally, we help some businesses which do not need it, we shall help them to expand and thereby diminish unemployment. We have no desire to penalise prosperity, we want to reduce adversity. (Cheers).

Basic Industries.
It is the depressed basic exporting industries, the Prime Minister proceeded, that will receive by far the greater amount of help from our reforms. Of the £26,000,000 that is going in relief of rates, £14,250,000 will go to this group and £5,750,000 to another industry which is badly hit—agriculture. Of the remainder, some will go to those which can only be called flourishing by putting a considerable strain on the use of that word. The overwhelming mass of the relief will go to those who need it most.

We do claim that we have founded our scheme on a sound principle, that it will bring substantial relief, and that it will improve local administration. We claim no more than that, and no less. The depression in our old industries has been so long, and so deep, that it has driven some students of economics to suspect a fundamental change in the general structure of British trade. It is impossible to say, as yet, whether, and to what extent, we are undergoing a permanent contraction in the demand for the output of those great industries. They have been profoundly affected by the economic nationalism in Continental Europe, by the growth of manufacturing power in the East, in India, in Japan—by disarmament, by the growing control of natural forces, and by science.

The long run effects of these changes may be to improve the wealth of the whole world. They may be ultimately for our advantage, but times of transition are proverbially difficult.
All we can do at this moment is to give this help on the lines we have devised, which we believe will be of immense value, and to continue, as all Governments must, to watch, study and devise from time to time such steps as may be necessary to meet the ever changing conditions of that great trade by which we live. (Cheers).

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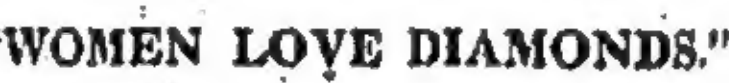
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At practically every session and every function of the Advertising Convention, which closed at Birmingham recently, the question of Press coupon and insurance schemes, their effect on circulation, on the public, and on the value of advertising space has been discussed either officially or unofficially.

This interest culminated when the discussion on the subject of coupon and insurance schemes to "boost" circulation reached such intensity that a resolution was passed suggesting that papers having registered readers, on insurance coupons should give advertisers some idea of their distribution areas.

This resolution, coming as it did from a meeting representative of the firms who find much of the revenue for the Press is an indication of the keenness with which commercial interests are following the action of certain newspapers in these respects.

Forced up Sales.

Commander H. S. H. Ellis, Advertising Manager of Imperial Chemical Industries, Limited, who, as a member of the Incorporated Society of British Advertisers, spoke at the National Advertisers' Session, said that he was inclined to the view that the reader was more important than the advertiser, but since the latter provided 60 per cent. of a newspaper's revenue, the proprietor would be unwise if he did not study his advertisers' wishes.

In the newspaper world the advertising rates were supposed to be fixed on a basis provided by the net sales certificate, and if the net sales were forced up by virtue

of attractive competitions resulting in a sale of the paper for other than its reading interest, it was obvious that the data upon which the advertising rates were fixed became a gamble, and all advertisers were entitled to know where they stood.

Competitions Overdone.

"We all know," he continued, "to what a pitch the coupon competition has arrived. I do not complain of them as such, but I think they are overdone, and I submit that the time has come to call a halt, for they are defeating their own object, which in the first place, was to induce people to buy and read a paper in the hope that they would become regular readers and so increase net sales.

"Those of us who belong or have subscribed to the Advertising Association admit the necessity of truth in advertising, and have pledged ourselves within our means to avoid even a tendency to mislead; yet what a travesty the net sales certificate is in danger of becoming.

"It has been stated that, reduced to the plainest language, the competition craze has so falsified the circulation figures of many newspapers that their net sales certificates completely misrepresent the truth," and if we assume that advertising prices are based upon 'net sales' as revealed by certificates, then I am afraid this serious charge has yet to be answered."

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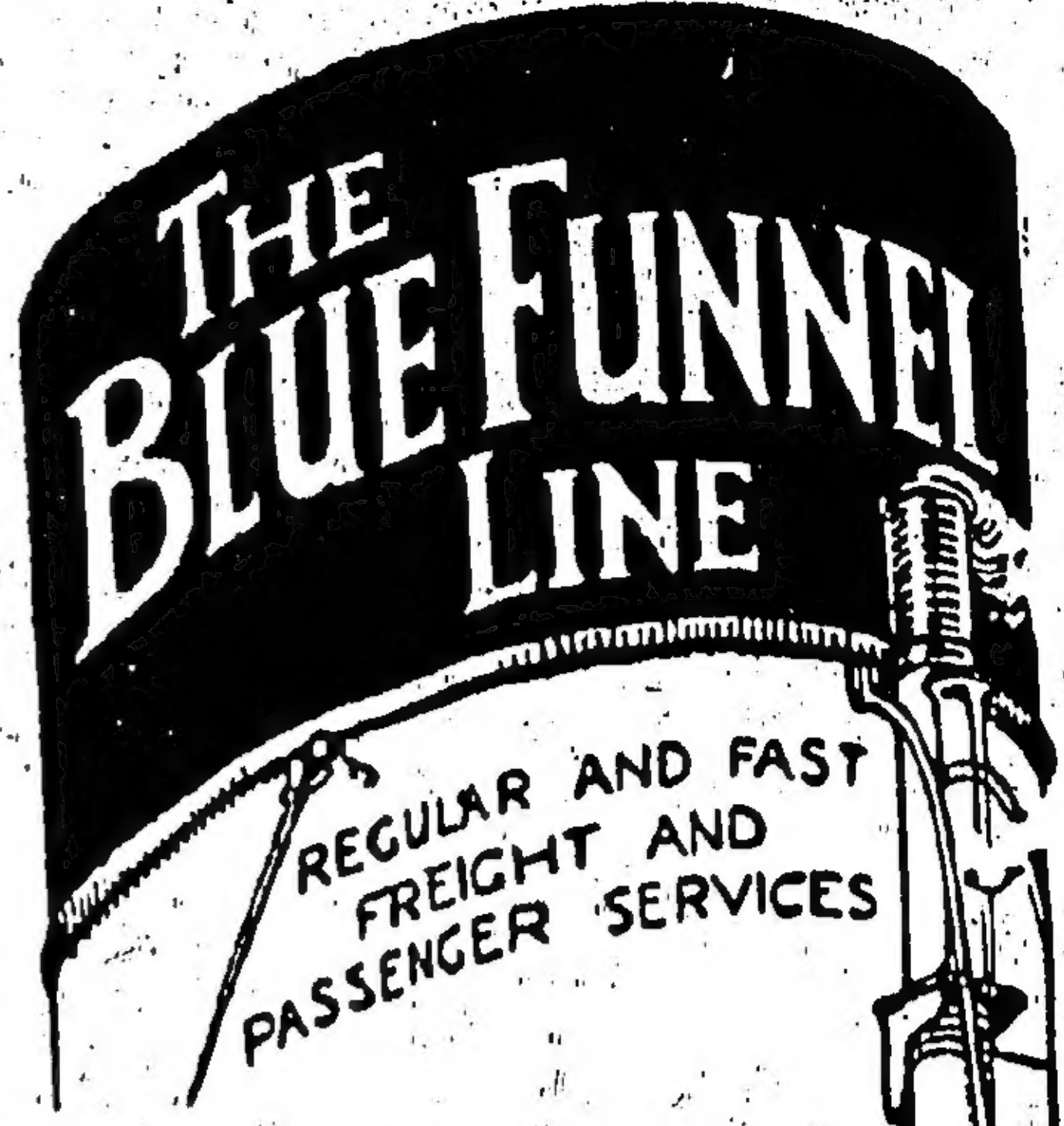
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certain day for the sake of the coupons, and that he would be willing without any consideration at all to deliver any number of copies of different papers to his customers simply by delivering the page which contained the coupon or even by cutting out the coupon for them.

"I have been told," Commander Ellis added, "of a certain professional solutionist who ordered no less than 5,000 copies of a single issue of a paper, and who carefully cut out the coupons he required, and then returned the papers to his wholesaler, who actually returned them to the publisher as unsold copies, and got his money back."



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"PHILOCTETES" 21st Aug. M'les, London, R'dam & Hamburg
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"DARDANUS" 27th July. Oran, Boston, New York & Baltimore
"LYCAON" 24th Aug. Boston, New York & Baltimore

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SANITARY DEPARTMENT WORK LAST YEAR.

The annual report of the head of the Sanitary Department makes reference to lime-washing methods which provoked considerable discussion last year and states that the Board has abandoned the practice, which prevailed for several years, of employing a contractor to do the work. This system failed mainly on account of the poor lime used and the scamping of work by sub-contractors. In several cases the lime-washing had to be done five or six times before it could be passed as satisfactory.

When the work is done by the Department with the spray there is undoubtedly greater initial disinfection but the work is better and more quickly done and tenants have expressed their appreciation that the necessary upheaval is so brief.

Rat Catching.

Twenty-eight members of the cleansing staff were employed during the year setting traps, bird lime boards and rat poison; collecting rats from street rat bins, private premises, etc., and taking them to the Public Mortuary for examination. A special campaign in March was undertaken when rat-poison was distributed throughout urban districts. The total number of rats caught was:

Hongkong 102,355
Kowloon 52,660

Of these, none were found to be plague infected.

Food Prosecutions.

Samples of fresh milk were submitted for analysis under section 12 of the Food and Drugs Ordinance, of which 168 were found to pass the standard and 5 to be below standard.

In addition the following samples of food and drugs were taken:

Bread 85; flour 33; butter 39; cheese 19; coffee 70; tea 55; sugar 58; bean curd, hard etc. 39; vinegar 6; oils 7.

Prosecutions were undertaken in eight cases where the samples failed to satisfy the legal requirements.

There were no food stuffs seized and ordered to be destroyed under Section 83 of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance.

The bulk of the refuse from the City of Victoria and Kowloon was, as hitherto, taken by barges and dumped at sea. Some 15,543 tons were dumped at Cheung Sha Wan where a reclamation is being gradually formed.

Lorry Running Costs.

An appendix shows, under the various heads the revenue collected by the Department during 1922 and also the revenue paid into the Treasury in respect of the Department's contracts. As regards the former, markets and special food licences show a small increase while slaughter house fees have recovered considerably. Though still below the figures for 1924, the last pre-strike year, they approximate closely to those of 1923 and exceed those of 1922.

An increase in receipts for scavenging is due to payments by the Military Authorities for the removal of refuse from Military premises. Revenue from contracts again shows a decrease on ac-

BAD FOOD RING.

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small number of the cases and their scattered nature would seem to point to these being outlying cases of a widespread outbreak in adjacent territory. The most energetic measures practicable are being taken to deal with the situation. The campaign of dog shooting and catching throughout the year has had good results and should not only be continued but extended and intensified if possible.

In collaboration with the Government Bacteriologist experiments relative to the possible immunisation of dogs against the local strain of Rabies virus are being carried out and it is hoped to be able to conclude the experiments before the end of 1923.

The following carcasses, condemned goods, etc. were destroyed during the year—108 cattle, 13 calves, 78 sheep, 617 pigs, 61 horses, 88 mules, 634 dogs, 21,361 lbs. diseased meat, 60 cartloads of paper from Government offices and private firms, and 10 tons of condemned foodstuffs.

Although South China is still in a disturbed state the Department shows an increase in revenue of \$32,236.

The total number of cattle admitted to Depots during 1922 was 59,767 against 46,318 in 1921. In Ma Tau Kok 9,064 were admitted against 8,496 in 1922. The above are the only abattoirs at which cattle are slaughtered in the Colony.

The total number of pigs admitted to Kennedy Town was 275,132 against 178,568 in 1922. This includes 23,995 admitted to Kennedy Town and afterwards transferred or exported. The total admitted at Ma Tau Kok was 35,329. 24,922 was the total number of sheep and goats admitted at Kennedy Town against 22,689 in 1922. As is the case of pigs this includes 12,133 admitted to Kennedy Town and afterwards transferred or exported.

Count of the reductions allowed to the conservancy contractors.

An appendix shows under various heads the Department's expenditure for the year 1922. The increase in the total expenditure is mainly due to an increase of about \$16,000 under running expenses of motor refuse lorries &c. although this is partly offset by a reduction of \$5,350 in purchase and maintenance of bullocks.

The total mileage covered by the Refuse Lorries during the year was 122,496 miles in Hongkong and 30,951 in Kowloon. This represents a 70% increase over the figures for 1922 for Hongkong, due to the closing down of the Central Refuse Depot, opposite the new Fire Brigade Station and to the extra work given to the lorries through the enlarging of the sections covered by them. The opening of a Central Garage for the lorries and the laying down of a stock of spare parts also accounts for part of the increased expenditure. The increase of work carried out in the slaughter houses accounts for an increase in the expenses of the animal depot and slaughter houses under various heads.

The cost of refuse removal in Hongkong and Kowloon was \$50,770. With regard to the cost of collection the main items of expense were coolies' wages, \$11,803, and the running expenses of the motor lorries \$23,228.

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FRENCH PARLIAMENT.

ADJOURNS UNTIL END OF SUMMER SEASON.

Paris, July 11.

Parliament has adjourned until the end of October when M. Poincaré will do his utmost to secure a voting on the budget by January 1, 1929.

The five weeks session since the general election has been notable for the stabilisation of the franc, the passage of the Housing Bill, which is corollary to stabilisation, as it proposes to counteract the menace of increased cost of living due to stabilisation.

Though the Government secured a big majority on each occasion the session has been a troublesome one for the Government owing to the guerrilla warfare waged by the extreme radicals and socialists.—Reuter.

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COTTON INDUSTRY FINANCE.

ASSOCIATION SEEKING INFORMATION.

SOUND BASIS AIM.

London, July 11.
A questionnaire issued by the Master Cotton Spinners Association to members, concerning the capitalisation of mills, asks for details to be supplied not later than July 24th.

The Association announces its intention to investigate in a most searching manner the present financial position of the spinning industry, with a view ultimately to establish it on a sounder basis.

It urges that the information be freely and correctly given, and emphasises that privacy will be assured.

The details are sought only in regard to reconstructed firms and they relate to overdrafts, loans, debentures, interest rates, share capital, etc.—*Reuter*.

SOUND CHINA FINANCE PLANS.

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Government, and it was decided that the Tael should be abolished as the country's monetary unit, and that the Dollar should be adopted in its stead, while it was agreed that China should work gradually towards the ultimate adoption of the gold standard.

National Bank.

Several other resolutions were unanimously adopted regarding the economic policy of the new Government, including the organization of a National Bank to act as the Government's Treasury with the sole right of issuing banknotes and to stabilise exchange.

The organization of an Exchange Bank to act as a central clearing-house for internal and foreign exchange.

The establishment of Agricultural and Industrial Banks to facilitate the country's development in industry and agriculture; and lastly,

General Reconstruction.

The improvement of the railways, the expansion of marine navigation, the improvement of China's postal system and telegraphic services.

The Conference further resolved that all disbanded troops shall be employed in various works of irrigation, road construction, colonization and other rehabilitation measures.

The Conference decided to carry out a policy of Protection, and to encourage the production and manufacture of native goods.—*Reuter*.

LOST ITALIA PARTY FOUND.

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the marooned adventurers, whose terrible plight was related by Captain Lundborg, are either dead or dying.

According to a Berlin correspondent on board the "Braganza" who has wireless news to Berlin, the fever from which the party has been suffering for so long indicates inflammation of the lungs in



Major Mariano.

consequence of fog, insufficient protection and ignorance of Arctic conditions.—*Reuter*.

No Wireless Messages.

Rome, July 11.
It is semi-officially stated that the last message from Lieut. Vigliani's party merely gave the party's position, and mentioned that Swedish seaplanes had dropped provisions and medicines.

Nothing has been heard since the 6th instant.—*Reuter*.

FENGTIEN PEACE PROPOSALS.

CHIANG KAI-SHEK TO NEGOTIATE.

CHANG HSUEH-LIANG READY TO SUPPORT NANKING.

NO SPECIAL TERMS.

Peking, July 11.
The four Fengtien delegates sent by General Chang Hsueh-liang with peace proposals have arrived at Peking, but have not yet seen the military leaders.

The "Big Four," Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, General Li Chung-yen, Marshal Yen Hui-shan and Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang were in conference at Tongshan to-day and it is believed that they discussed Manchurian affairs.—*Reuter*.

Chiang to Negotiate.

Shanghai, July 11.
The leaders of the four Nationalist Army Corps, Marshals Chiang, Yen, Feng and General Li Chung-yen, are stated to have unanimously agreed to place in Marshal Chiang Kai-shek's hands the negotiations with the Fengtien delegates. The desire is to win the Fengtien Party over by diplomatic means rather than military action.

It is stated that members of the former Anfu political club are most active in endeavouring to take a hand in the peace parley, and an unofficial source says it has been proposed that the Three Eastern Provinces be ruled by a Political and Military Council; that the Nationalist flag be flown in Manchuria; and that the Political Council of the Three Eastern Provinces be under the Chairmanship of Marshal Chang Hsueh-liang, with General Yang Yuting, Chairman of the Fengtien Provincial Government and General Chang Tso-hsiang, Chairman of the Kirin Government.

The Nationalists are said to be favourable to the adoption of the two first terms, but are sceptical as to the advisability of complying with the remainder of the proposals.

Fengtien Proposals.

Shanghai, July 12.
The Fengtien delegates interviewed Marshal Chiang Kai-shek yesterday and reported as follows:

1. The Fengtien authorities have agreed to hoist Nationalist flags throughout the Three Eastern Provinces.

2. The Fengtien troops have nearly all withdrawn to Shanhai-kwan and only a small number still remain at Chinwangtao and in the vicinity of Luansho.

3. The authorities as well as the people of Manchuria agree to support the Nationalist Government in its foreign policy.

The delegates requested the Government not to send any Nationalist troops to Manchuria for the time being, and also that all local Customs questions and the reorganisation of troops in the Three Eastern Provinces shall be reserved for a reasonable period.

It is reported that Marshal Chiang has received instructions from Nanking to continue the negotiations. It is understood that the Government insists, prior to the completion of the peace settlement, that the Fengtien authorities should immediately hoist the Nationalist flag and agree to disseminate Dr. Sun's Three Principles in Manchuria. The Government also orders that no reservations or special terms should be made in connexion with the settlement.—*Nam Chung Pao*.

Li Chai-sum in Peking.

Shanghai, July 11.
Marshal Li Chai-sum who has arrived in Hankow, was entertained yesterday afternoon at a party given by the members of the Wuchang-Hankow Political Branch Council. Immediately after the party was over, at 7 p.m., the Marshal and his party of Canton officials, left Hankow by train for Peking, where he will attend a military conference with Marshals Feng Yu-hsiang and Chiang Kai-shek.

A later message says that Marshal Li has arrived in Peking.

Tsinan Negotiations.

Shanghai, July 11.
Before commencing negotiations with the Chinese Government on the Tsinanfu Incident, the Japanese Government has decided to call back to Japan the Japanese Consuls General in Tsingtao, Hankow and Mukden. A meeting will then be held in Tokyo to decide on the steps which their government shall adopt.

China and the Powers.

Shanghai, July 11.
Mr. Tang Yu-hsiang, the Assistant Minister of Foreign Affairs in the

THE JERVIS BAY AFFAIR.

WHO WILL PAY FOR NAVAL ASSISTANCE?

"SALVAGE" PROBLEM.

London, July 11.
The assistance rendered by the Navy to the Australian Commonwealth liner Jervis Bay last month was the subject of further questions in Parliament to-day.

Asked as to the cost of such assistance, the First Lord of the Admiralty, Mr. W. C. Bridgeman, said in the absence of details it was estimated at £500, but until the full circumstances were known he could not say whether this expense would be charged to the owners of the vessel.

It was the duty of His Majesty's Ships to give every possible aid to vessels in danger or distress, said Mr. Bridgeman, and if the services rendered came under the heading of salvage services, the Crown was prevented from claiming expenses under the Merchant Shipping Act. He added that the word "salvage" was interpreted in a rather wide sense, and he was advised that if there was any mutiny, piracy or plunder concerned, the assistance rendered would be covered by the word "salvage."—*British Wireless*.

AMATEUR FLYING IN COLONY.

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of the members are far from millionaires.

Suggested Meeting.

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Nationalist Government, has arrived in Peking. Interviewed, he said that, strictly speaking, the Nationalist Government's negotiations with the Powers in connexion with treaty revision and other outstanding problems, has not yet commenced.

The Assistant Minister will give a dinner party to the foreign Ministers of the various countries in Peking to-morrow, Friday. He will stay in Peking for about a week, and then return to Nanking.

Yangtze Bandits Attacked.

Wireless messages in Hongkong from the Upper Yangtze state that, acting under instructions from Ichang, General Ma has instituted an anti-bandit campaign and has succeeded in clearing all undesirable characters from the district as far as the Hupeh border.

General Yang Sen has also instituted similar measures which have been so successful that bandits have been cleared on both banks for a distance of over seventy miles.

Quiet conditions reign, following this action.

Policing North China.

Peking, July 11.
Chiang Kai-shek is reported to have reached an agreement with other militarists relative to the policing of north China. The Kuomintang troops will be stationed from north Honan along the railway to Tientsin; Shanai troops will control the line northward from Tientsin to Peking and Tientsin, while from Tientsin to Luansho, Shanai troops and a part of the first group armies will be stationed.—*Reuter*.

Annam Treaty.

Shanghai, July 11.
According to a message from Nanking the Ministry of Foreign Affairs has officially notified the French Minister declaring the abrogation of the commercial regulations and the appendix thereto concerning Annam and Indo-China in the Sino-Franco treaty, upon their expiration on the 7th inst. The notification was handed to the French Consul General for transmission to the proper quarters.—*Reuter*.

New Appointment.

Shanghai, July 11.
The Government Council has appointed Chu Chao-hsin Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs. It has also approved the petition of the Minister of Finance, T. Y. Soong, abolishing all farm taxes in arrears before December 31, 1927.—*Reuter*.

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